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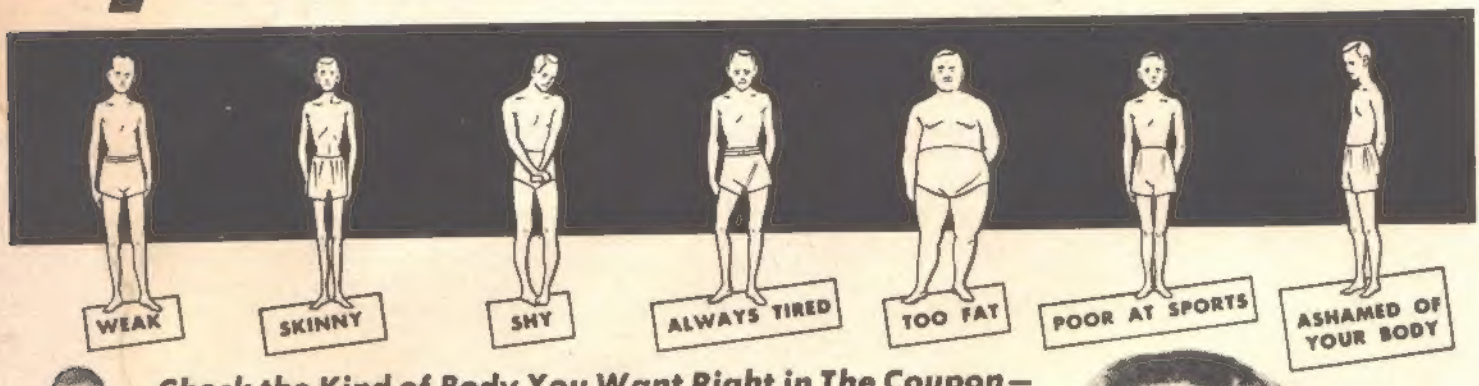

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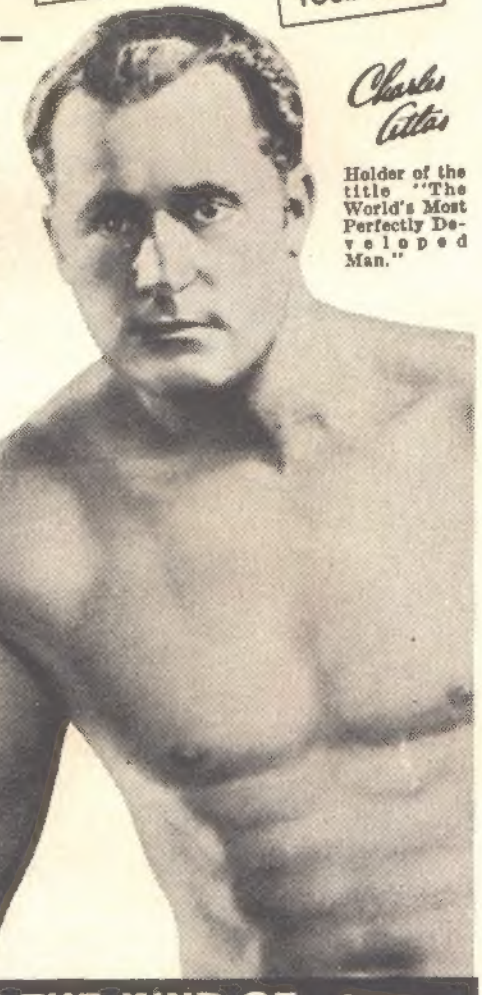

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WHO IS THIS POWERFUL STRONGMAN HURLING ROCKS ASIDE IMPATIENTLY AS HE CLIMBS A MOUNTAIN SOMEWHERE IN GREECE?
I MUST REACH THE ORACLE'S CAVE AND CARRY OUT MY PLAN!
AT THE CAVE...
HARKEN, O ETERNAL ORACLE! I, HERCULES, CAME FROM THE PAST, AND--
YES, I KNOW ALL THINGS, MY SON! THOU ART VISITING THE 20TH CENTURY! IN A CITY CALLED METROPOLIS, AS MY CRYSTAL BALL WILL SHOW...
... THOU DIDST FALL IN LOVE WITH A GIRL CALLED LOIS LANE! BUT WHEN THOU ASKED HER TO MARRY THEE...
THERE'S ONLY ONE MAN FOR ME! NO ONE ELSE CAN MATCH SUPERMAN! I'M SORRY, HERCULES!
METROPOLIS CHARITY DRIVE BE SUPER-GENEROUS
STILL HOPING TO IMPRESS HER, THOU DID SUPER-STRENGTH FEATS, SUCH AS TOWING HER STALLED CHARIOT.' BUT THOU MADE A MISTAKE...
YOU FOOL, HERCULES! YOU'VE BLUNDERED INTO THE TEST RANGE USED FOR ARMY ARTILLERY PRACTICE!
AND SUPERMAN HAD TO SAVE THEE AND LOIS FROM THE CANNON SHELLS, USING HIS POWERS CALLED X-RAY VISION, SUPER-BREATH AND INVULNERABILITY!
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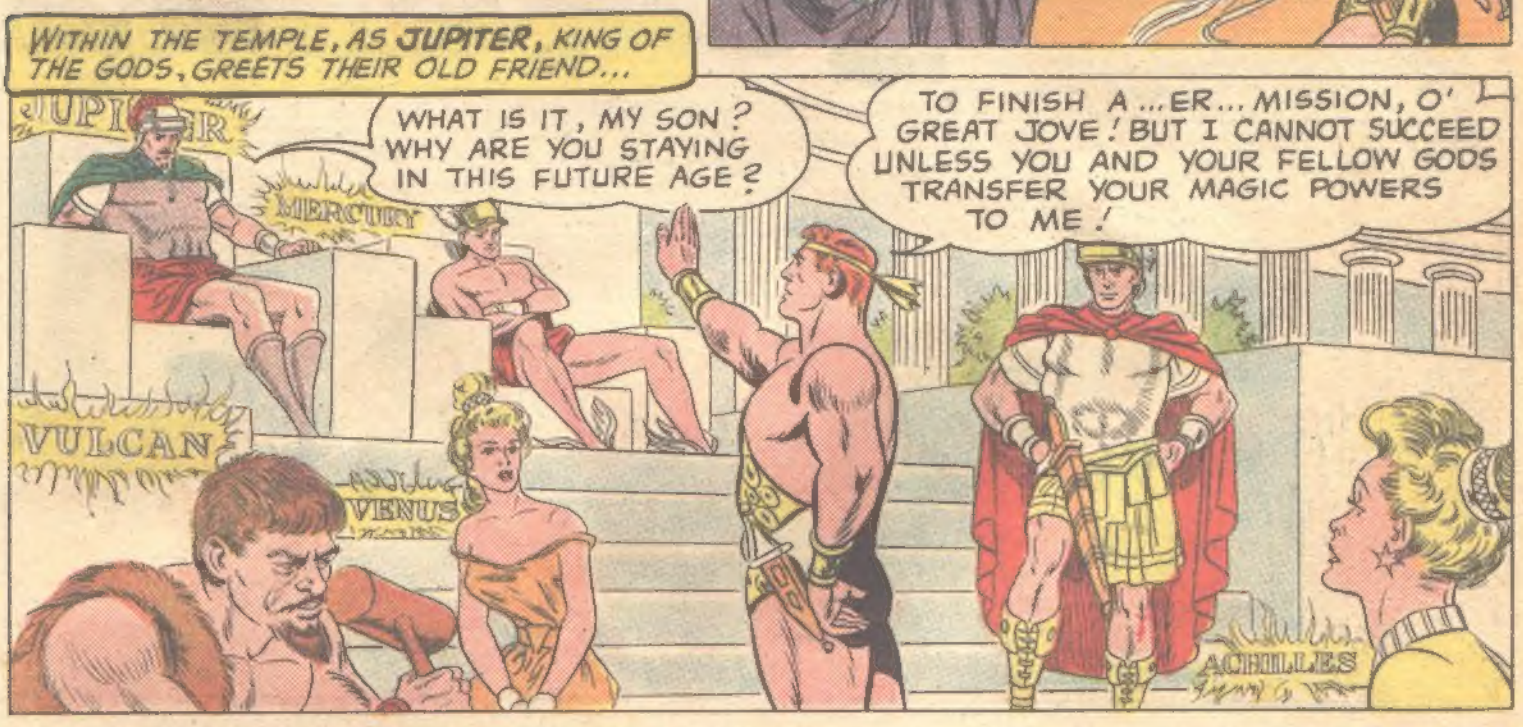
AS THE CRYSTAL BALL'S IMAGES END...
YES, SUPERMAN HAS MANY SUPER-POWERS WHILE I ONLY HAVE SUPER-STRENGTH! BUT MY PLAN WILL CHANGE THAT! ORACLE, SUMMON THE GODS HERE FROM THE PAST!
A PINCH OF TIME-DUST, AND--

...BEHOLD! THE TEMPLE OF THE GODS ON ANCIENT MOUNT OLYMPUS HAS MATERIALIZED HERE AND WILL REMAIN FOR AN HOUR! ENTER, HERCULES!


WITHIN THE TEMPLE, AS JUPITER, KING OF THE GODS, GREETS THEIR OLD FRIEND...
MERCURY
VULCAN
VENUS
ACHILLES
WHAT IS IT, MY SON? WHY ARE YOU STAYING IN THIS FUTURE AGE?
TO FINISH A ...ER... MISSION, O' GREAT JOVE! BUT I CANNOT SUCCEED UNLESS YOU AND YOUR FELLOW GODS TRANSFER YOUR MAGIC POWERS TO ME!

GRANTED, MY SON! AT OUR TOUCH, INDIVIDUAL MAGIC POWERS WILL FLOW INTO YOU! HOWEVER, EXCEPT FOR THE SPECIAL ABILITIES YOU WILL GAIN FROM MERCURY AND ACHILLES, YOU MAY USE EACH OF THE OTHER POWERS ONLY ONCE!

USE THE OLYMPUS POWERS WISELY, MY SON! DO NOT SHAME US! THEY MUST DO GOOD!
THEY'LL DO GOOD, ALL RIGHT.. FOR ME! THEY'LL HELP ME DEFEAT SUPERMAN AND WIN LOIS! HA, HA!

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ONE BY ONE I'LL USE MY NEW OLYMPUS POWERS AGAINST SUPERMAN! BUT FIRST I'LL WORK IN SECRET, MAKING A FOOL OF HIM IN LOIS LANE'S EYES!
LATER, AT AN AMUSEMENT PARK, AS LOIS OPENS A SPECIAL SUPERMAN EXHIBIT...
BOYS AND GIRLS, IN HONOR OF THIS OCCASION, SUPERMAN WILL GIVE YOU ALL A THRILLING RIDE IN THIS FLYING SAUCER HE BUILT!
100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRA
SECRETLY, HERCULES USES HIS NEXT OLYMPUS POWER!
I'LL CALL ON THE GOD OF UNDERGROUND METALS AND FIRES... MAGIC FLAMES OF VULCAN, APPEAR! MAKE SUPERMAN'S FLYING SAUCER BURN BEFORE ONE KID GETS A RIDE! HA, HA!
SUPERMAN SWIFTLY DETECTS THE FIRE, BUT...
WHAT'S WRONG? WH-WHY ISN'T MY SUPER-BREATH BLOWING OUT THE FIRE?
HE DOESN'T KNOW THOSE MAGIC FLAMES CAN'T BE QUENCHED!
DESPERATELY, SUPERMAN SMASHES INTO THE GROUND, AND...
I'LL PULL UP THE WATER MAIN PIPE AND POUR THOUSANDS OF GALLONS OF WATER OVER THE FLAMES!
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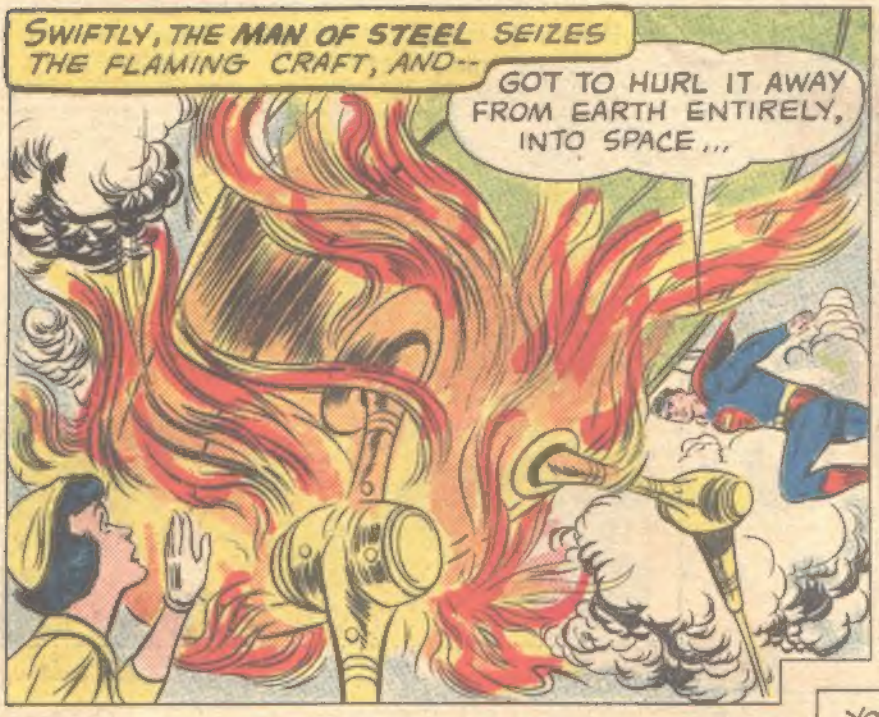
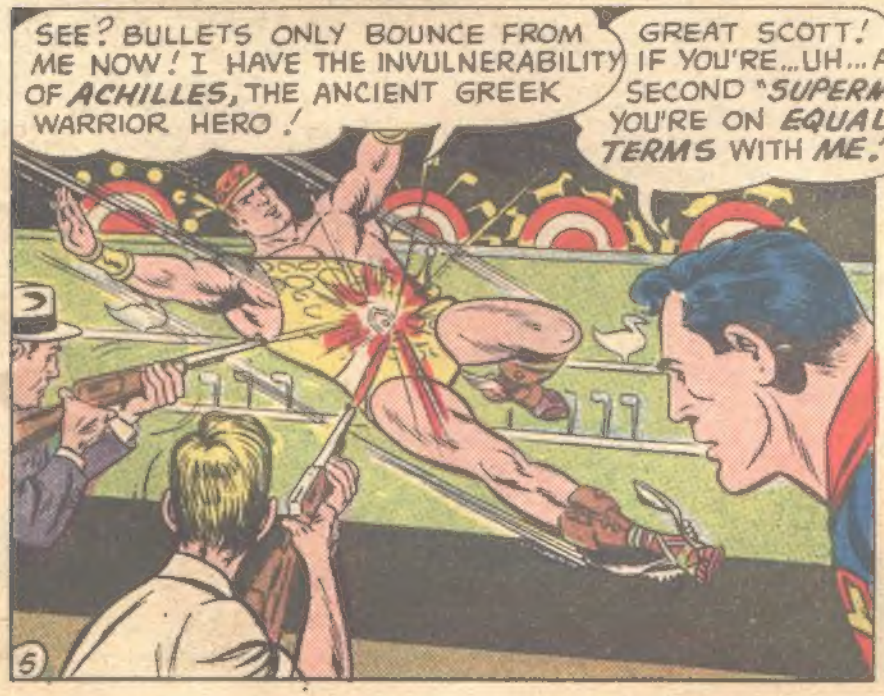
BUT AGAIN...
EVEN AN OCEAN COULDN'T QUENCH VULCAN'S MAGIC FIRE! FOR ONCE, LOIS IS SEEING HER GREAT HERO FAIL! HA, HA!
SUPERMAN! CAN'T YOU STOP THE FIRE BEFORE IT SPREADS AND BURNS THE WHOLE AMUSEMENT PARK DOWN?


SWIFTLY, THE MAN OF STEEL SEIZES THE FLAMING CRAFT, AND--
GOT TO HURL IT AWAY FROM EARTH ENTIRELY, INTO SPACE...

...LIKE A DISCUS! IT'LL NEVER COME BACK! THE DANGER'S OVER!

HIS PLAN TO EMBARRASS SUPERMAN THWARTED, HERCULES REVEALS HIMSELF OPENLY AS THE MAN OF STEEL REPAIRS THE WATERMAIN, AND...
I WANT TO MARRY YOU, LOIS! I'LL PROVE I'M MIGHTIER THAN SUPERMAN! I'LL CHALLENGE HIM TO FIGHT ME IN BATTLE!
HERCULES! BUT... IT WOULD BE AN UNFAIR FIGHT! I'M TOO POWERFUL!

YOU ONLY HAVE SUPER-STRENGTH... UH...??
WRONG, SUPERMAN! I'VE GAINED THE OLYMPUS POWERS! THANKS TO MERCURY'S WINGED SANDALS, I CAN FLY LIKE YOU NOW! AND WATCH WHAT HAPPENS IN THIS SHOOTING GALLERY!


SEE? BULLETS ONLY BOUNCE FROM ME NOW! I HAVE THE INVULNERABILITY OF ACHILLES, THE ANCIENT GREEK WARRIOR HERO!
GREAT SCOTT! IF YOU'RE...UH... A SECOND "SUPERMAN", YOU'RE ON EQUAL TERMS WITH ME!
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NO, MY MAGIC WEAPONS WILL PROVE SUPERIOR! I CAN ONLY USE EACH WEAPON ONCE, BUT THAT WILL BE ENOUGH! NOW WATCH... WEAPON OF MARS, APPEAR!
GOODNESS! THAT HUGE SPIKED CLUB APPEARED IN A PUFF OF MAGIC SMOKE!

BEHOLD, LOIS! MARS IS THE GOD OF WAR! THE MAGIC POWER IN HIS WEAPON WILL KNOCK SUPERMAN MILES AWAY! HA, HA!
UKKK!
MEANWHILE, AS LINDA (SUPERGIRL) LEE, WHO LIVES AT MIDVALE ORPHANAGE, OBSERVES WITH HER TELESCOPIC VISION...
I'M SUPERMAN'S SECRET WEAPON! BUT EVEN I CAN'T HELP HIM IN THIS EMERGENCY AS HE IS UP AGAINST MAGIC POWERS! KRYPTO, THE SUPERDOG WOULD BE HELPLESS, TOO! NOR CAN THE SUPERMAN ROBOTS HELP HIM!
BUT WHEN HERCULES FLIES TO FIND SUPERMAN...
ONLY KRYPTONITE CAN DESTROY ME, HERCULES! AND FORTUNATELY FOR ME, YOU CAN'T LOCATE ANY KRYPTONITE RIGHT NOW! SO BRING ON YOUR OTHER MAGIC WEAPONS!
WHAT? YOU'RE STILL ALIVE?
UNDISCOURAGED, HERCULES CALLS FOR ANOTHER OLYMPUS WEAPON...
THIS TINY BOW AND ARROW ARE INVISIBLE TO ALL BUT ME! CAN YOU GUESS WHAT IT WILL DO? HA, HA!
YES...I CAN! AND WITH THAT WEAPON, HE--HE WILL WIN!
WHY DOES THE MIGHTY SUPERMAN FEAR A TOY WEAPON?
GOT TO STOP HIM... OR ELSE! WAIT...ONE OF THE HEROES WHO PASSED ON HIS POWERS TO HERCULES, WAS THE WARRIOR, ACHILLES! ACHILLES' BODY WAS INVULNERABLE EXCEPT FOR HIS HEEL! THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA!
HMM...I'LL CHEW UP THIS OLD NAIL I FOUND! MY SUPER-TEETH WILL FORM IT INTO--
-A TINY BOOMERANG! I'LL PROPEL IT IN A CIRCLE IN BACK OF HERCULES!
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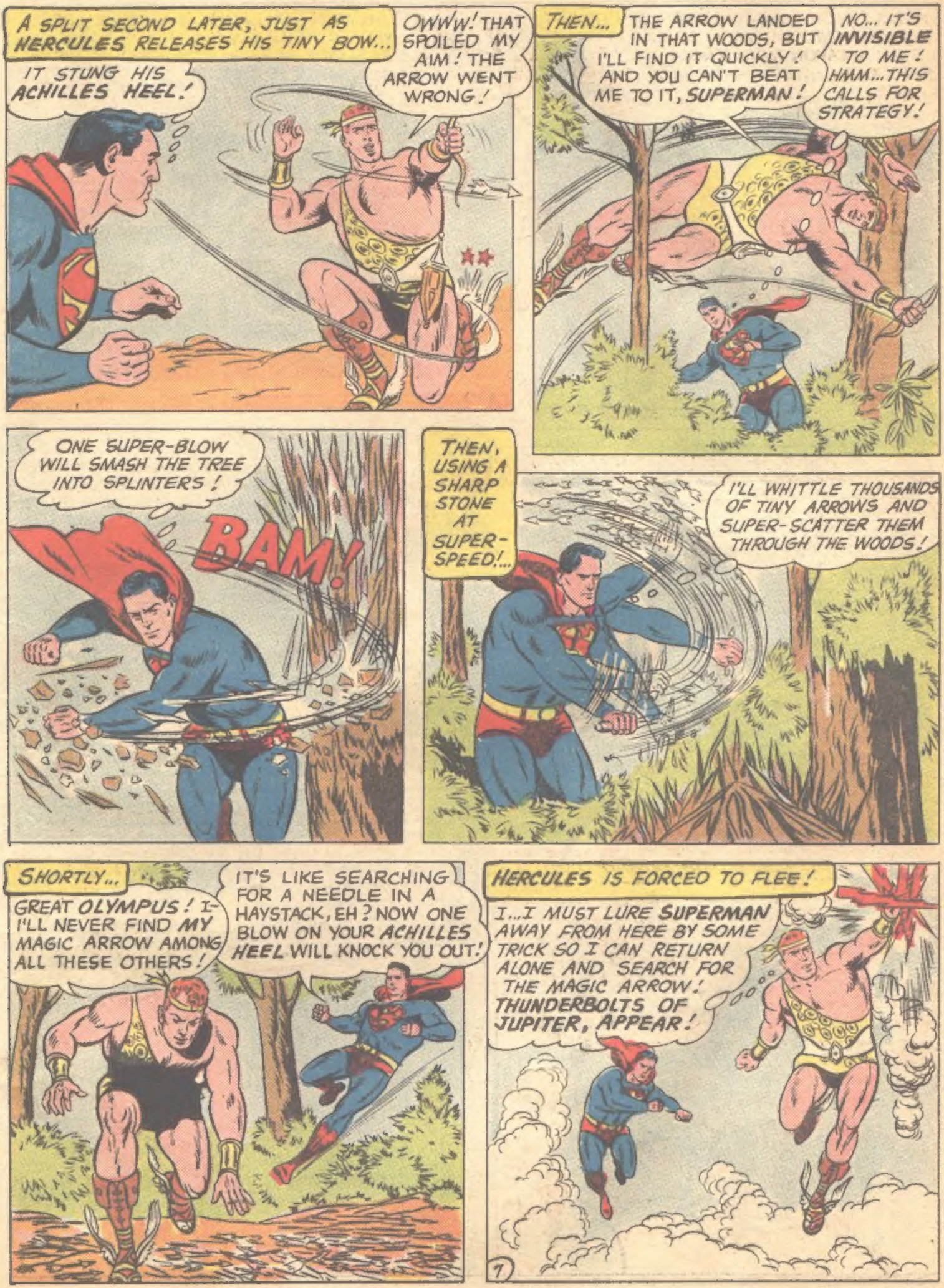
A SPLIT SECOND LATER, JUST AS HERCULES RELEASES HIS TINY BOW...
IT STUNG HIS ACHILLES HEEL!
OWWW! THAT SPOILED MY AIM! THE ARROW WENT WRONG!
THEN...
THE ARROW LANDED IN THAT WOODS, BUT I'LL FIND IT QUICKLY! AND YOU CAN'T BEAT ME TO IT, SUPERMAN!
NO... IT'S INVISIBLE TO ME! HMM... THIS CALLS FOR STRATEGY!
ONE SUPER-BLOW WILL SMASH THE TREE INTO SPLINTERS!
BAM!
THEN, USING A SHARP STONE AT SUPER-SPEED!...
I'LL WHITTLE THOUSANDS OF TINY ARROWS AND SUPER-SCATTER THEM THROUGH THE WOODS!
SHORTLY...
GREAT OLYMPUS! I-I'LL NEVER FIND MY MAGIC ARROW AMONG ALL THESE OTHERS!
IT'S LIKE SEARCHING FOR A NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK, EH? NOW ONE BLOW ON YOUR ACHILLES HEEL WILL KNOCK YOU OUT!
HERCULES IS FORCED TO FLEE!
I...I MUST LURE SUPERMAN AWAY FROM HERE BY SOME TRICK SO I CAN RETURN ALONE AND SEARCH FOR THE MAGIC ARROW! THUNDERBOLTS OF JUPITER, APPEAR!
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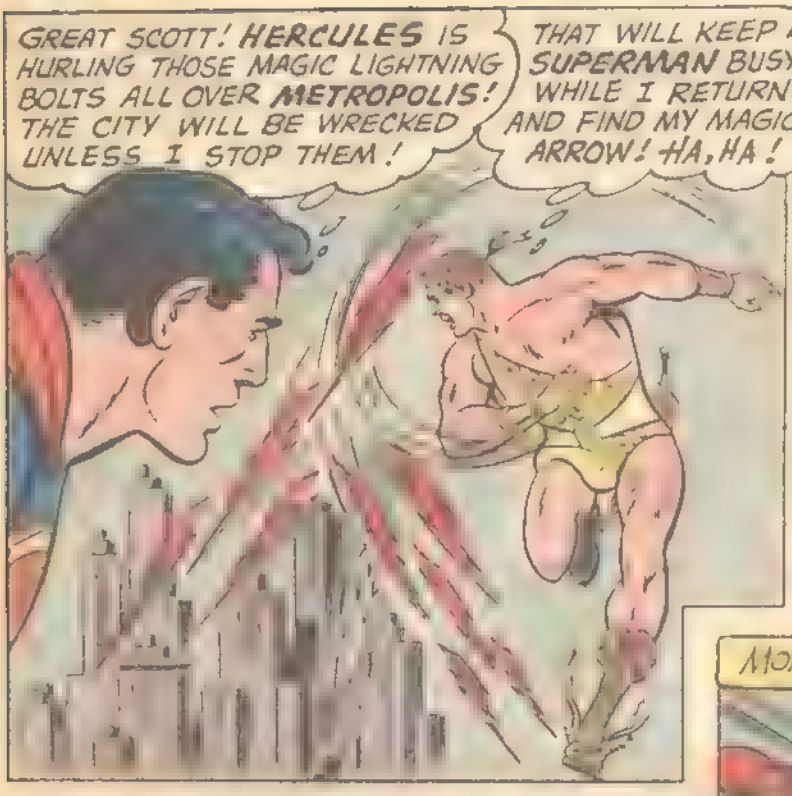
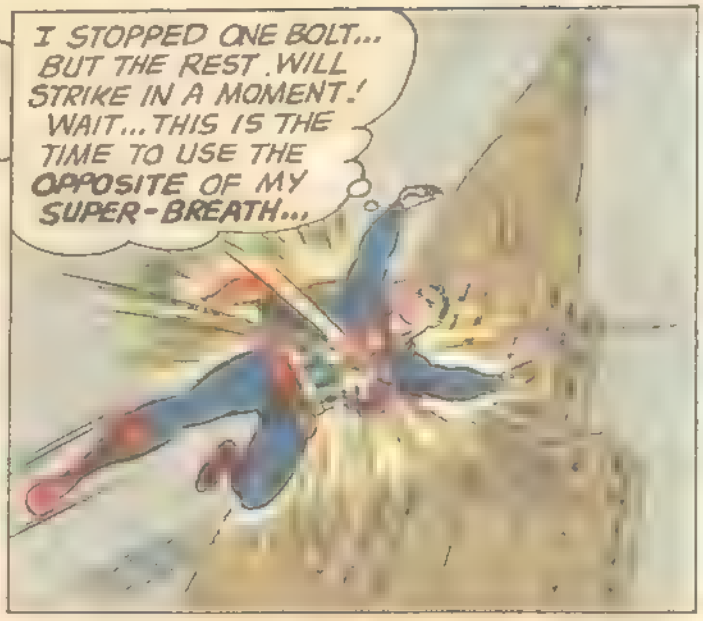
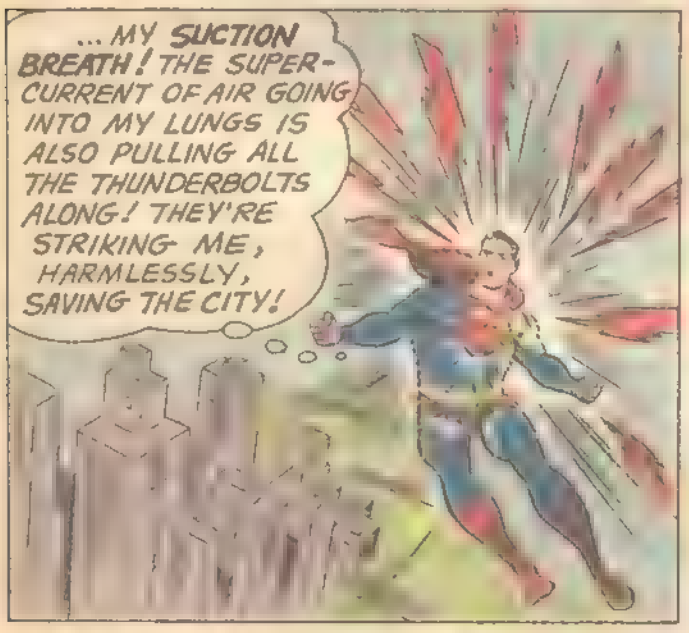
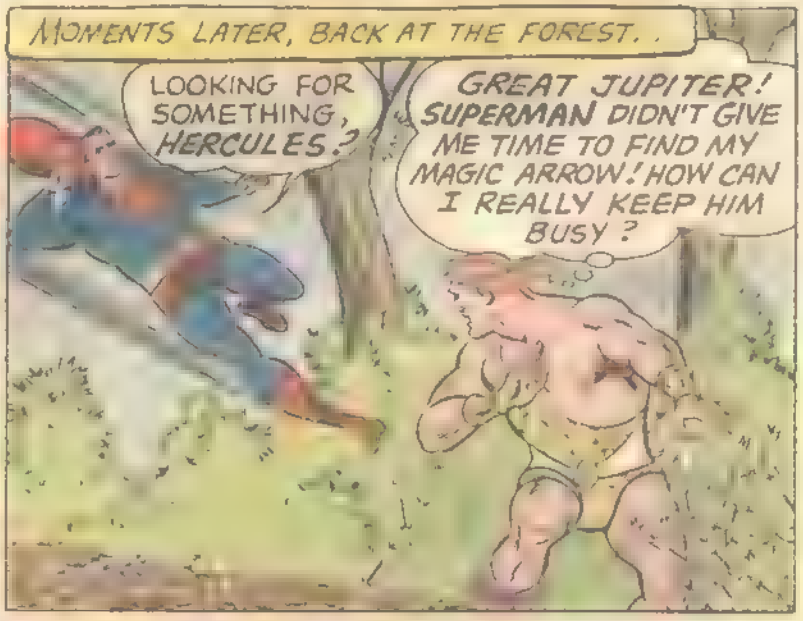
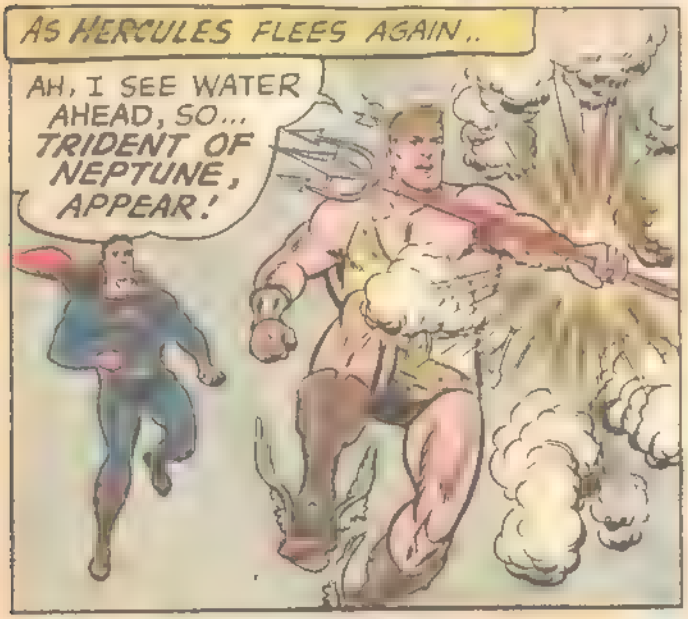
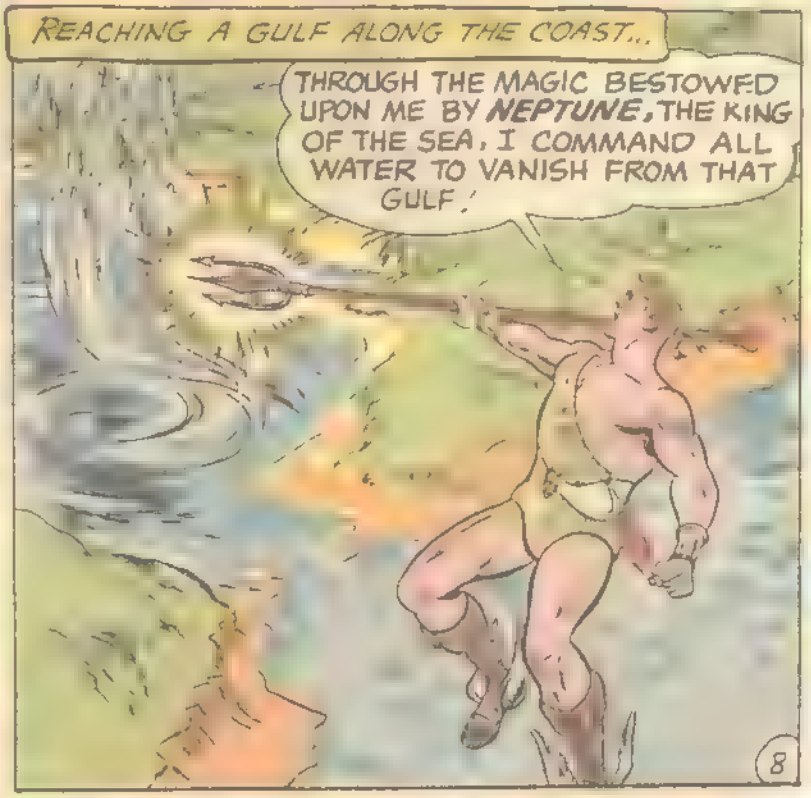

GREAT SCOTT! HERCULES IS HURLING THOSE MAGIC LIGHTNING BOLTS ALL OVER METROPOLIS! THE CITY WILL BE WRECKED UNLESS I STOP THEM!
THAT WILL KEEP SUPERMAN BUSY WHILE I RETURN AND FIND MY MAGIC ARROW! HA, HA!


I STOPPED ONE BOLT... BUT THE REST WILL STRIKE IN A MOMENT! WAIT... THIS IS THE TIME TO USE THE OPPOSITE OF MY SUPER-BREATH...

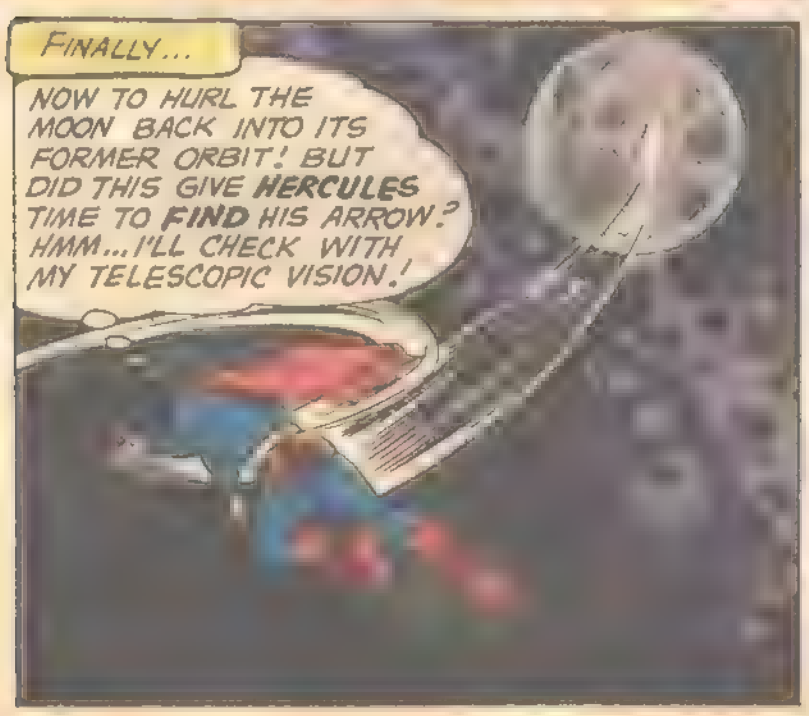

...MY SUCTION BREATH! THE SUPER-CURRENT OF AIR GOING INTO MY LUNGS IS ALSO PULLING ALL THE THUNDERBOLTS ALONG! THEY'RE STRIKING ME, HARMLESSLY, SAVING THE CITY!

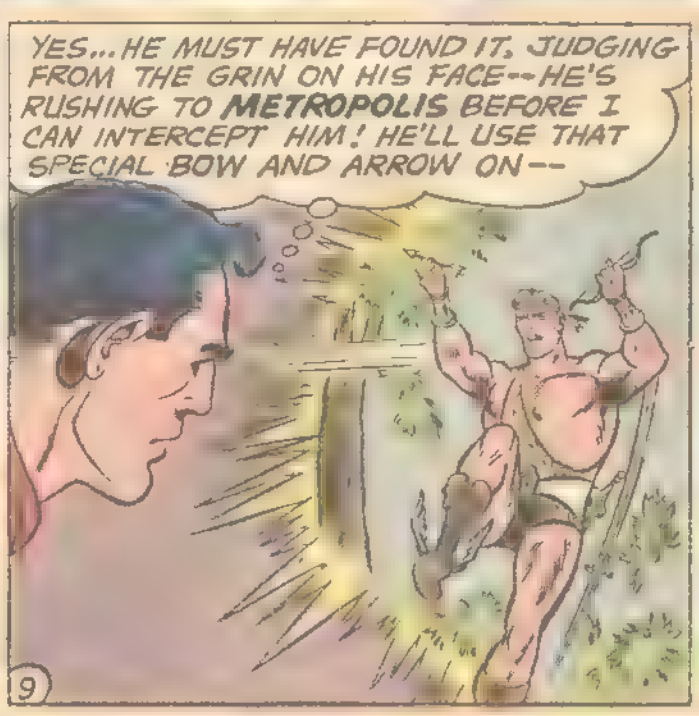

MOMENTS LATER, BACK AT THE FOREST..
LOOKING FOR SOMETHING, HERCULES?
GREAT JUPITER! SUPERMAN DIDN'T GIVE ME TIME TO FIND MY MAGIC ARROW! HOW CAN I REALLY KEEP HIM BUSY?

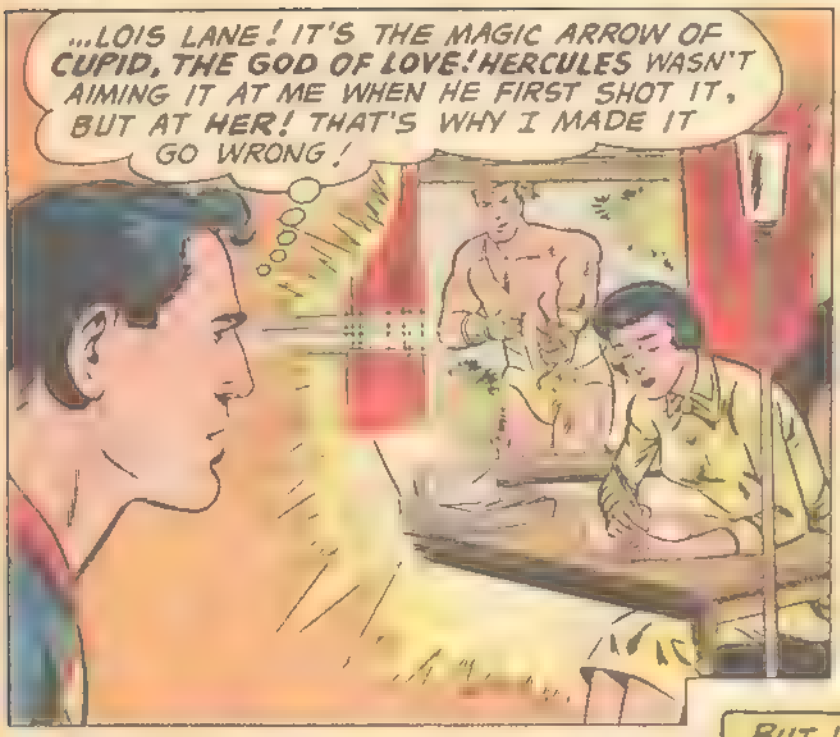

AS HERCULES FLEES AGAIN..
AH, I SEE WATER AHEAD, SO... TRIDENT OF NEPTUNE, APPEAR!

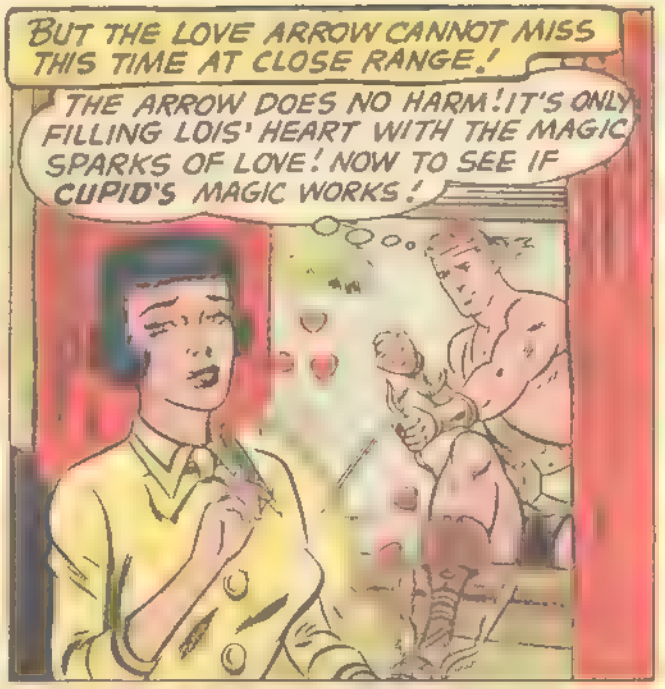

REACHING A GULF ALONG THE COAST..
THROUGH THE MAGIC BESTOWED UPON ME BY NEPTUNE, THE KING OF THE SEA, I COMMAND ALL WATER TO VANISH FROM THAT GULF!

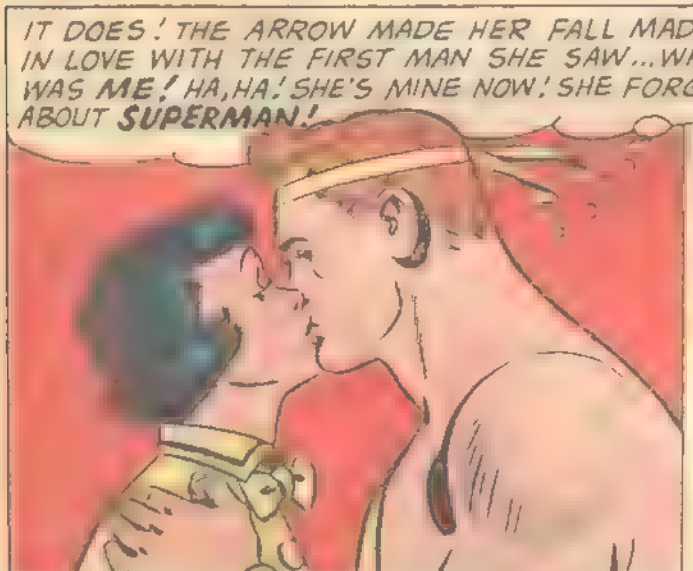
SUPERMAN WILL BE KEPT BUSY RESCUING THOSE DYING FISH AND WHALES! I'LL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO FIND MY MAGIC ARROW! HA, HA!
THIS WILL BE A GREAT CATASTROPHE UNLESS HMM... I'LL FLY TO THE MOON!
AFTER A SUPER-SPEED FLIGHT...
NOW TO PUSH THE MOON DOWN TO EARTH AND OVER THAT DRY GULF! THE MOON'S GRAVITATIONAL PULL IS WHAT CAUSES TIDES ON EARTH!
AT THIS CLOSE RANGE, THE MOON'S PULL CREATED A BIG TIDAL WAVE FROM THE OCEAN THAT IS SPILLING INTO THE OPEN END OF THE DRY GULF! IT WILL FILL UP RAPIDLY TO SAVE THE DYING FISH AND FLOAT THE STRANDED SHIPS!

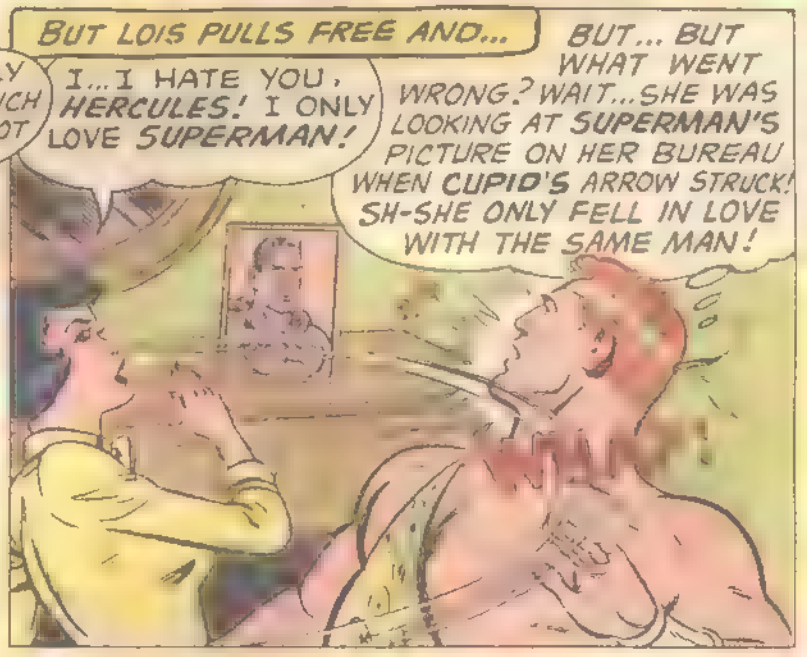

FINALLY...
NOW TO HURL THE MOON BACK INTO ITS FORMER ORBIT! BUT DID THIS GIVE HERCULES TIME TO FIND HIS ARROW? HMM... I'LL CHECK WITH MY TELESCOPIC VISION!


YES... HE MUST HAVE FOUND IT, JUDGING FROM THE GRIN ON HIS FACE--HE'S RUSHING TO METROPOLIS BEFORE I CAN INTERCEPT HIM! HE'LL USE THAT SPECIAL BOW AND ARROW ON--


...LOIS LANE! IT'S THE MAGIC ARROW OF CUPID, THE GOD OF LOVE! HERCULES WASN'T AIMING IT AT ME WHEN HE FIRST SHOT IT, BUT AT HER! THAT'S WHY I MADE IT GO WRONG!


BUT THE LOVE ARROW CANNOT MISS THIS TIME AT CLOSE RANGE!
THE ARROW DOES NO HARM! IT'S ONLY FILLING LOIS' HEART WITH THE MAGIC SPARKS OF LOVE! NOW TO SEE IF CUPID'S MAGIC WORKS!


IT DOES! THE ARROW MADE HER FALL MADLY IN LOVE WITH THE FIRST MAN SHE SAW...WHICH WAS ME! HA, HA! SHE'S MINE NOW! SHE FORGOT ABOUT SUPERMAN!


BUT LOIS PULLS FREE AND...
I...I HATE YOU, HERCULES! I ONLY LOVE SUPERMAN!
BUT... BUT WHAT WENT WRONG? WAIT...SHE WAS LOOKING AT SUPERMAN'S PICTURE ON HER BUREAU WHEN CUPID'S ARROW STRUCK! SH-SHE ONLY FELL IN LOVE WITH THE SAME MAN!

I'LL NEVER MARRY YOU! IS THAT CLEAR, HERCULES?
BAH! IF YOU WON'T TAKE ME, YOU WON'T GET SUPERMAN EITHER! FLUTE OF APOLLO, APPEAR!
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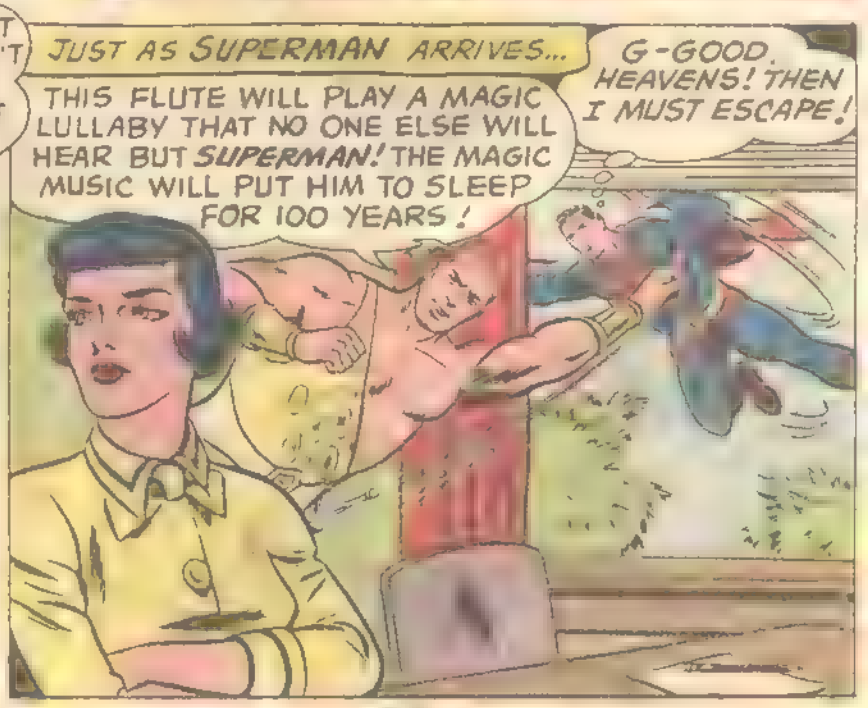
JUST AS SUPERMAN ARRIVES...
THIS FLUTE WILL PLAY A MAGIC LULLABY THAT NO ONE ELSE WILL HEAR BUT SUPERMAN! THE MAGIC MUSIC WILL PUT HIM TO SLEEP FOR 100 YEARS!
G-GOOD HEAVENS! THEN I MUST ESCAPE!

YOU WON'T GET AWAY, SUPERMAN! AND NOTHING YOU CAN PLUG YOUR EARS WITH WILL PREVENT YOU FROM HEARING THE MAGIC LULLABY! IT PENETRATES ANYTHING!

MY ONLY HOPE...GASP!... IS TO REACH SPACE WHERE THERE IS NO AIR TO CARRY SOUND!

BUT BEFORE SUPERMAN CAN FLY OUT OF EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE...

OHH... THE MUSIC... I HEAR IT! SWEET... SOOTHING... I CAN'T FIGHT IT OFF! IT'S LULLING ME TO SLEEP... I WON'T WAKE UP FOR A CENTURY!

LATER, AFTER THE SLUMBERING SUPERMAN FALLS TO EARTH, THE SORROWING CITY OF METROPOLIS PREPARES A SPECIAL TOMB FOR HIM...

SOB!... NONE OF US WILL LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO SEE SUPERMAN WAKE UP! H-HE'S AS GOOD AS AS DEAD TO US!

ISN'T THERE ANY WAY TO WAKE HIM UP? CHOKE

MEMORY OF OUR HERO

YES, THERE IS ONE WAY, WHICH HERCULES TELLS TO LOIS!

I... I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN, HERCULES!

I CAN PLAY ANOTHER MAGIC SONG FROM APOLLO'S FLUTE WHICH CAN BREAK THE SPELL AND WAKEN SUPERMAN!... IF YOU PAY MY PRICE, LOIS!

UNSELFISHLY, THE GIRL REPORTER SACRIFICES HERSELF FOR THE MAN OF STEEL!

I CAN'T LET SUPERMAN SLEEP FOR 100 YEARS! I- I'LL MARRY YOU, HERCULES!

ONCE I WAKEN SUPERMAN, YOU MUST KEEP YOUR PROMISE AND BECOME THE WIFE OF HERCULES! HERE GOES!

ABRUPTLY, A THUNDERCLAP DROWNS OUT THE FLUTE'S FIRST NOTE!

HALT, **HERCULES**! BY COMMAND OF THE KING OF THE GODS!

VENUS, THE GODDESS OF LOVE! WH-WHY ARE YOU HERE?

BOOM!

JUPITER IS WRATHFUL! YOU USED THE **OLYMPUS POWERS** TO COMMIT **BAD** DEEDS! THIS FLUTE GOES BACK TO **APOLLO**, SO YOU CANNOT FORCE THIS GIRL TO WED YOU!

I CARE NOT! WITHOUT THE FLUTE, **SUPERMAN** CANNOT BE AWAKENED! IF I CAN'T HAVE LOIS, NEITHER CAN HE!

WRONG, **HERCULES**! THIS GIRL WAS WILLING TO SACRIFICE HERSELF FOR **SUPERMAN'S** SAKE! HER SUPER-LOVE GIVES ME THE MAGIC POWER TO UNDO THE MAGIC SLEEP! AWAKEN, **SUPERMAN**!

HE OPENED HIS EYES! HE'S SITTING UP!

YOU ARE FREE OF YOUR PROMISE TO MARRY **HERCULES**! FAREWELL, MY DEAR!

HMM... BEFORE **VENUS** REPORTS BACK TO **JUPITER**, I'LL QUICKLY USE THE ONE MAGIC POWER STILL LEFT TO ME. **STRENGTH OF ATLAS, FLOW INTO ME!**

THEN, SEIZING SUPERMAN...

HAH! NOW **I'M** STRONGER THAN YOU ARE!

GREAT SCOTT! EVEN I CAN'T FIGHT A MAN WITH THE COMBINED STRENGTH OF **ATLAS** AND **HERCULES** WHO CAN ALSO FLY LIKE **MERCURY**!

GOODNESS! **SUPERMAN** IS FLEEING LIKE A... A COWARD!

NO... NO! DON'T HURT ME, **HERCULES**!... PLEASE...

PRESENTLY, AS SUPERMAN TRIES TO EVADE HIS MIGHTY PURSUER...

FOOL! YOU CAN'T LOSE ME BY TWISTING AND TURNING! SOONER OR LATER I'LL GET MY HANDS ON YOU AND CRUSH YOU LIKE A WORM!

NO...NO! I MUST FLY FASTER..FASTER..FASTER!

SUDDENLY...

WAIT...SUPERMAN AND I ARE...UH FADING FROM SIGHT!

MY RUSE WORKED! I PRETENDED FEAR TO MAKE HIM CHASE ME AND FLY **FASTER THAN LIGHT!** I'M LURING HIM ACROSS THE TIME-BARRIER INTO THE PAST!

DIZZY MOMENTS LATER, AS THEY MATERIALIZE IN ANCIENT TIMES..

ER...WHO ART THOU, STRANGER?

HERCULES HAS LOST ALL MEMORY OF HIS **METROPOLIS** VISIT, JUST AS HE FORGOT HIS VISIT TO **SMALLVILLE** ONCE, WHEN I WAS **SUPERBOY!** JUST TO BE SURE...

I'M **SUPERMAN!** I HAVE A FRIEND CALLED LOIS LANE!

SUPERMAN? LOIS LANE? I KNOW NOT THOSE NAMES. GET THEE AWAY, STRANGER! I MUST CONSULT THE **ORACLE** ABOUT THAT STRANGE BLACKENING OF THE SUN!

HE WAS CONSULTING THE **ORACLE** ABOUT THAT ECLIPSE BEFORE HE VISITED THE 20TH CENTURY! GOOD! THEN THE PAST HASN'T BEEN CHANGED ONE BIT!

AFTER SUPERMAN RETURNS TO 1960...

HERCULES WILL NEVER RETURN TO BE YOUR SUITOR, LOIS!

WHAT A RELIEF, **SUPERMAN!** NOW IT'S JUST...ER... YOU AND I AGAIN! BY THE WAY, I HAVE TWO TICKETS TO A DANCE TONIGHT!

SORRY, LOIS! I'VE NEGLECTED MY PATROL LATELY! I'LL HAVE TO TURN DOWN YOUR OFFER!

JILTED AGAIN! SOMEBODY PLEASE TELL ME... **WHY DIDN'T I ACCEPT HERCULES IN THE FIRST PLACE!?!**

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Dear Editor: My twin sister and I are newcomers to the "SUPERMAN-DC" family, and we enjoy all your characters. Our favorite, however, is SUPERGIRL. Is there any way we can learn the story of how she came to Earth? Ellie & Nellie Whitestone, Detroit, Mich.

(The origin of SUPERGIRL, and how she survived the explosion of the planet KRYPTON, has been republished in our GIANT SUPERMAN ANNUAL, which is now on sale. The ANNUAL contains nine of the greatest stories we have ever published in the past, plus many other surprise features. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I have a complaint to make on the story, "The Superman From Outer Space." I found "Hyper-Man" such a sympathetic character, I felt terribly saddened when he died at the end of the story. Couldn't SUPERMAN have saved him somehow?
Paul Malloy, Scituate, Mass.

(We try to make our stories seem true to life. While we agree that this particular story had a tragic theme, think of the many we have given you with genuine happy endings. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: You may be interested to know that I name my dolls after Jor-El, Kal-El, Martha, Lois Lane, SUPERGIRL, and Lana Lang. My toy dog is named after Krypto and my toy cat after STREAKY.
Cathy Consolazio, Dedham, Mass.

(If dolls are your dish, see the November issue of LOIS LANE Comics, which features a two-part novel about a life-size Lane doll.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In the May issue of ACTION COMICS, in the "Metropolis Mailbag", you mentioned that SUPERMAN got the material for the wires in his SUPERMAN robots from a world a half light year away from the Earth. Our scientists, who have explored outer space many millions of light years away, say that the nearest celestial body is four light years away. And the idea of a wild planet traveling aimlessly through space is highly improbable, if not impossible.
T. Andrew Stokes, Essexville, Mich.

(We forgot to explain that this world was a tiny planet —more on the order of a planetoid—so small that it can't be tracked by present-day instruments. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Will SUPERGIRL ever get a crush on a boy at the orphanage? Also, I think it would be neat if she would reveal the secret of her identity to this boy. Paul Cascia, Portland, Ore.

(So many readers have been requesting a boy-friend for SUPERGIRL, we have yielded to the demand with a story in the next issue, entitled "Supergirl's First Romance." With whom does she fall in love? We won't tell you now, but we predict it will be a super-courtship! —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In the present story, "The Day SUPERGIRL Revealed Herself", on the third page of that specific story Duke ordered Max to press the license-switching button. However, on the license the number reads G-26-01, New York. If the setting is Metropolis, why is New York on the license?
Alan Zalkind, Newark, N.J.

(We see nothing wrong in the criminals wanting to pose as tourists from out of town, which thus switch permitted them to do. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I thoroughly enjoyed the story, "The SUPERMAN BIZARRO", but I noticed one goof. When SUPERMAN has to construct a rocket containing a television camera, he gets his materials from the Bizarros. If there is nothing on the Bizarro world that is perfect, how do the instruments work? They would have to be perfect, or almost so, to execute the duties they do in the story. What do you say?
Thomas E. Ulrich, Summit, N.J.

(SUPERMAN had the Bizarros bring him the raw materials, from which he constructed the needed apparatus. If this answer doesn't satisfy you, remember that no Bizarro plot can be perfect. Incidentally, you'll want to get the October issue of SUPERMAN COMICS, which features a great three-part novel, "The Son of Bizarro." —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: If SUPERMAN can travel into the past, why doesn't he go back to the planet KRYPTON before it exploded and prevent its destruction? I defy you to get out of this challenge. No wisecracks, please!
Marty Agins, Cleveland, Ohio

(Your "challenge" had nothing to do with it, but the idea you suggest is the theme of the SUPERMAN story which will appear in the Nov. issue of SUPERMAN COMICS. In this story the Man of Steel meets his long-lost parents, Jor-El and Lara, and strives to avert the catastrophe which took their lives. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I would like to know if you are going to correct the past mistakes which appeared in stories you have selected for the GIANT SUPERMAN ANNUAL.
Bruce T. Clark, Pittsburgh, Pa.

(All stories in the GIANT ANNUAL are being reprinted exactly as they appeared originally, many years ago. Even the coloring will be the same. —Ed.)

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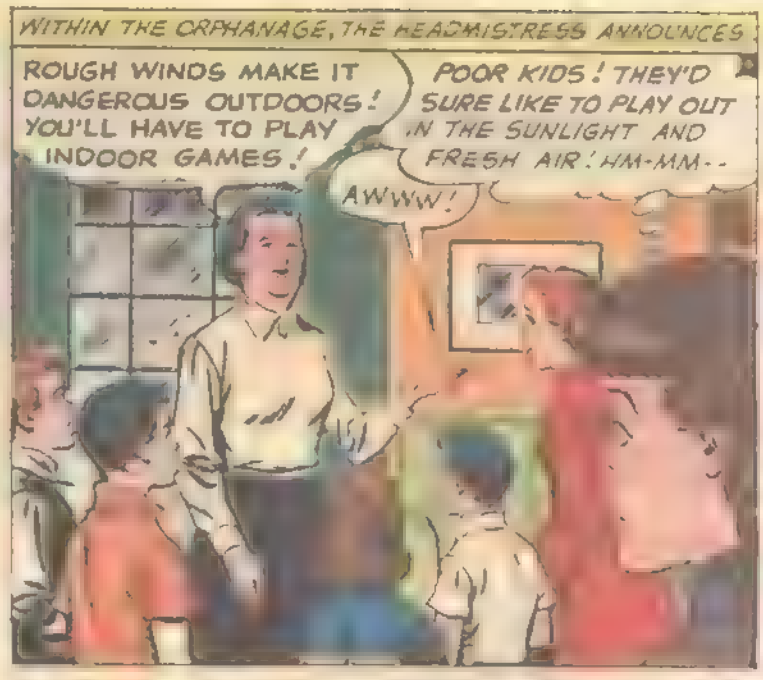
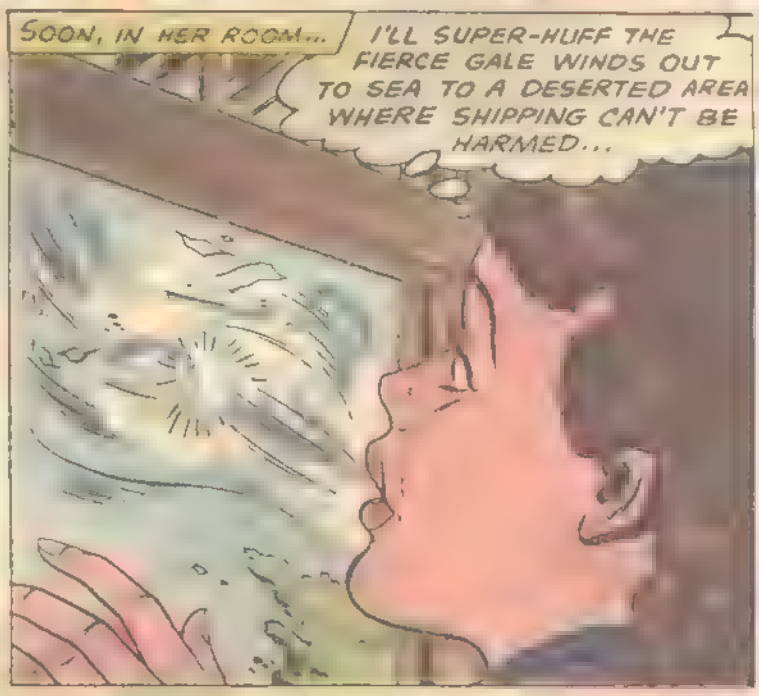
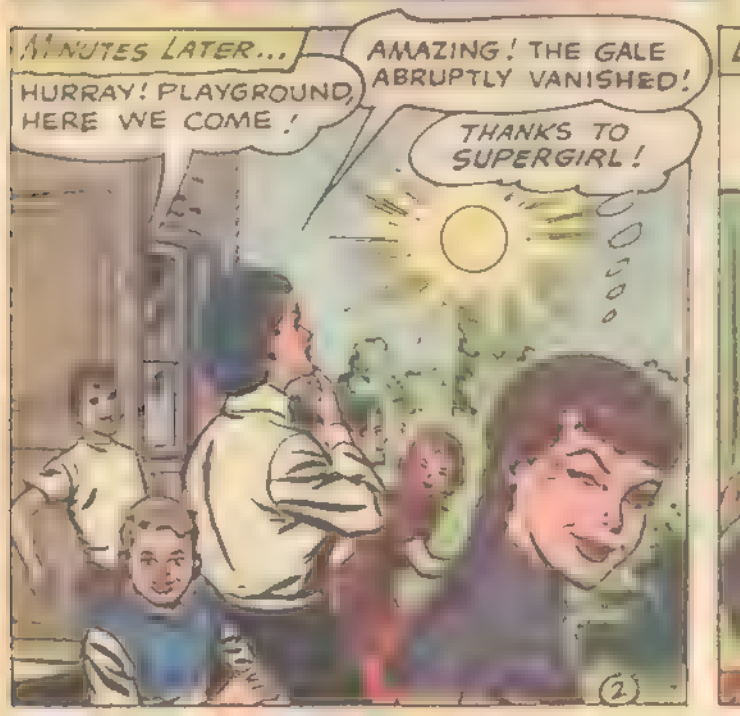
SUPERGIRL
IMPOSSIBLE! I'VE LOCKED MYSELF IN THIS STEEL VAULT! YET, WHILE I SIT HERE, MY SUPER-VISION REVEALS I'M ELSEWHERE, PERFORMING SUPER-FEATS IN PUBLIC! IT...IT'S FANTASTIC!
ONE DAY, WHILE LINDA (SUPER-GIRL) LEE IS CAREFULLY GUARDING THE SECRET OF HER EXISTENCE HERE ON EARTH AS SUPERGIRL, THE WORLD IS ASTOUNDED TO WITNESS A SUPERGIRL IN AMAZING SUPER-ACTION! IS IT A ROBOT? OR IS IT REALLY LINDA HERSELF, UN-AWARE THAT SHE IS A VICTIM OF A DELUSION CAUSED BY TRICKY RED KRYPTONITE? PUT ON YOUR THINKING CAP, READER, AND SEE IF YOU CAN GUESS THE STARTLING SECRET OF...
The MYSTERY SUPERGIRL!

AT MIOVALE ORPHANAGE ONE DAY, AT RECESS TIME...
I'M SORRY, BUT YOU CHILDREN WON'T BE ABLE TO GO OUT INTO THE PLAY-GROUND TODAY...


WITHIN THE ORPHANAGE, THE HEADMISTRESS ANNOUNCES
ROUGH WINDS MAKE IT DANGEROUS OUTDOORS! YOU'LL HAVE TO PLAY INDOOR GAMES!
POOR KIDS! THEY'D SURE LIKE TO PLAY OUT IN THE SUNLIGHT AND FRESH AIR! HM-MM--
AWWW!

OFF SLIPS ORPHAN LINDA LEE, WHO IS SECRETLY SUPERMAN'S COUSIN, MIGHTY SUPERGIRL!
MAYBE I CAN DO SOME-THING ABOUT THIS! I'VE AN IDEA!


SOON, IN HER ROOM...
I'LL SUPER-HUFF THE FIERCE GALE WINDS OUT TO SEA TO A DESERTED AREA WHERE SHIPPING CAN'T BE HARMED...


MINUTES LATER...
HURRAY! PLAYGROUND, HERE WE COME!
AMAZING! THE GALE ABRUPTLY VANISHED!
THANKS TO SUPERGIRL!
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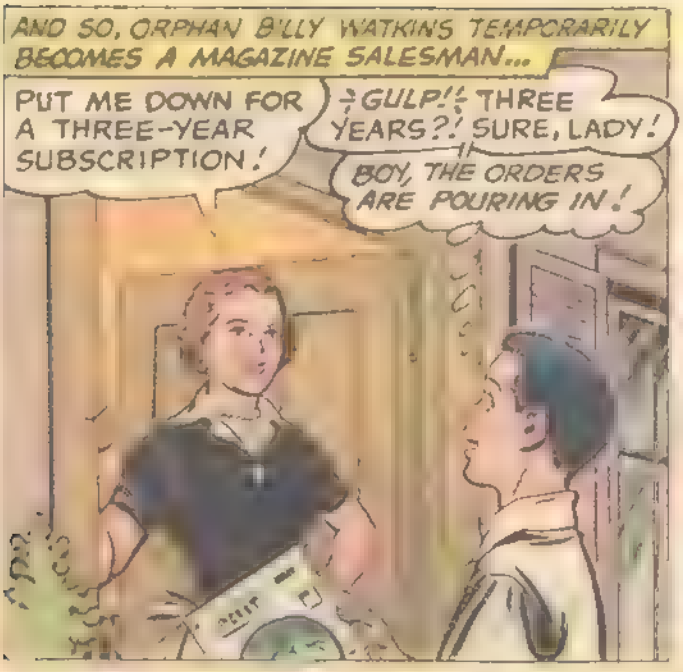
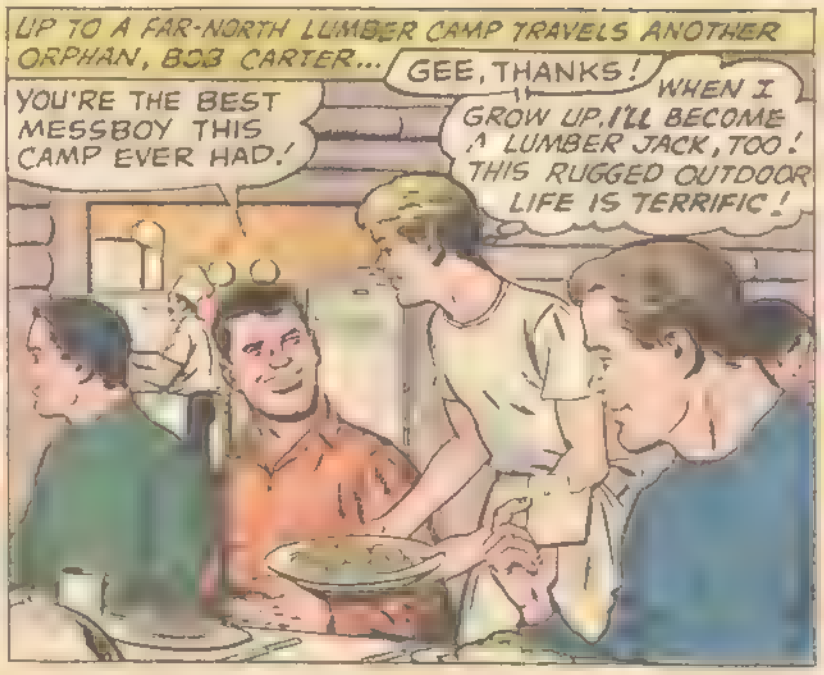
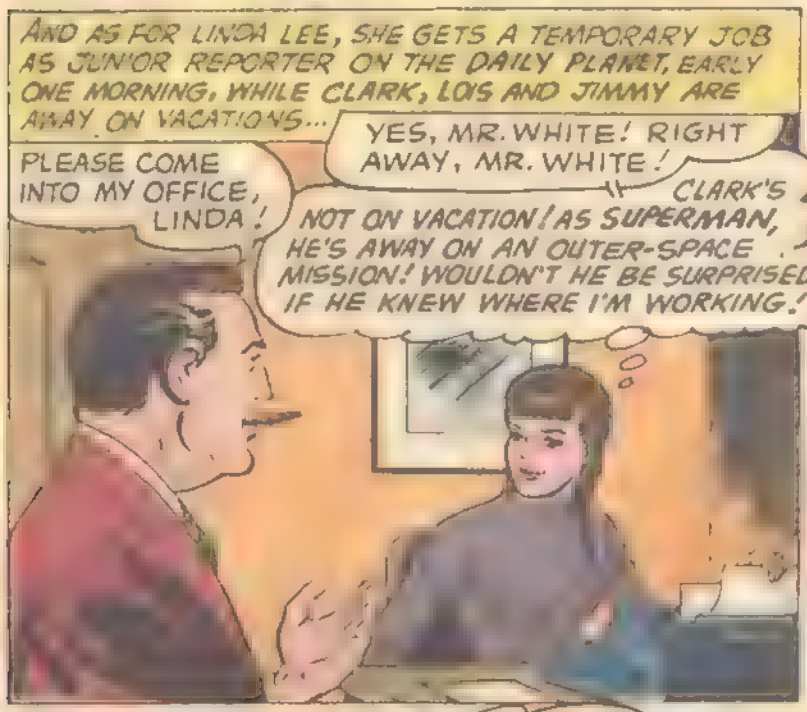
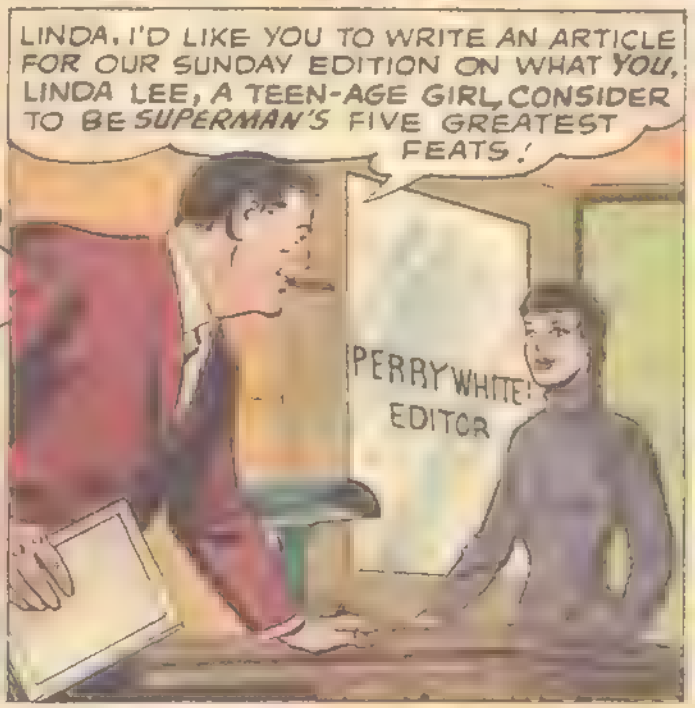
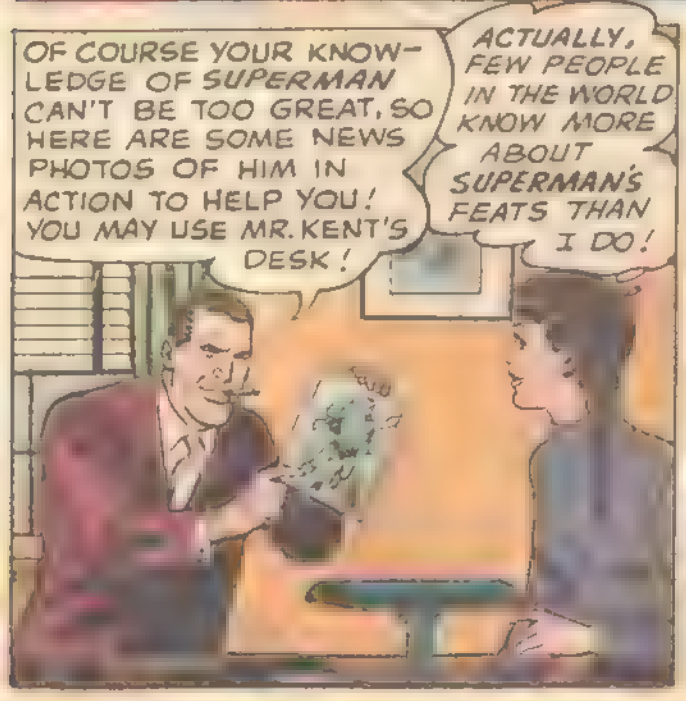
LATER, IN THE ORPHANAGE'S AUDITORIUM...
EACH SUMMER, WE HELP SOME OF THE OLDER CHILDREN GET TEMPORARY JOBS THAT ENABLE THEM TO LEARN A TRADE AND EARN MONEY! INTERESTED CHILDREN PLEASE RAISE YOUR HANDS!

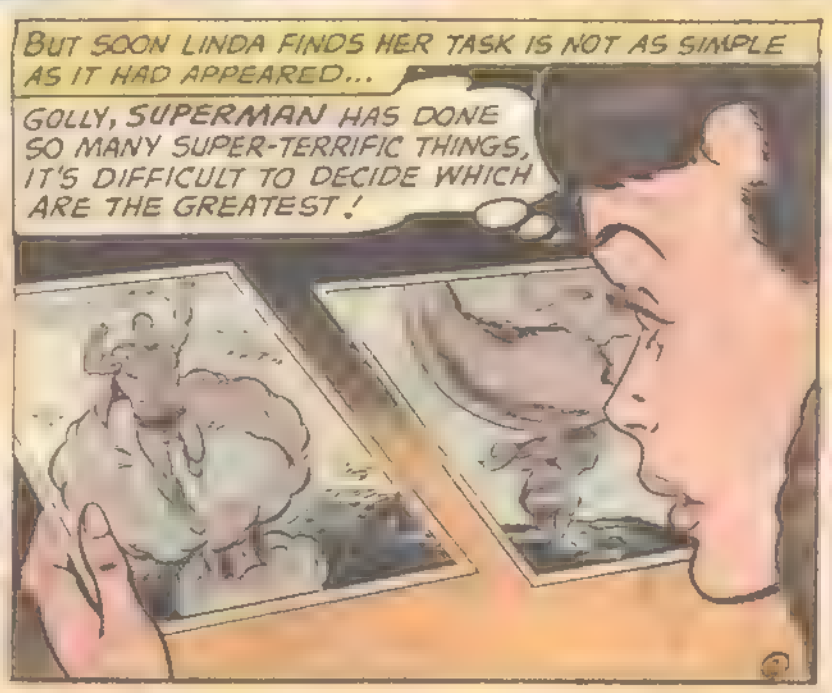

AND SO, ORPHAN BILLY WATKINS TEMPORARILY BECOMES A MAGAZINE SALESMAN...
PUT ME DOWN FOR A THREE-YEAR SUBSCRIPTION!
GULP!! THREE YEARS?! SURE, LADY!
BOY, THE ORDERS ARE POURING IN!

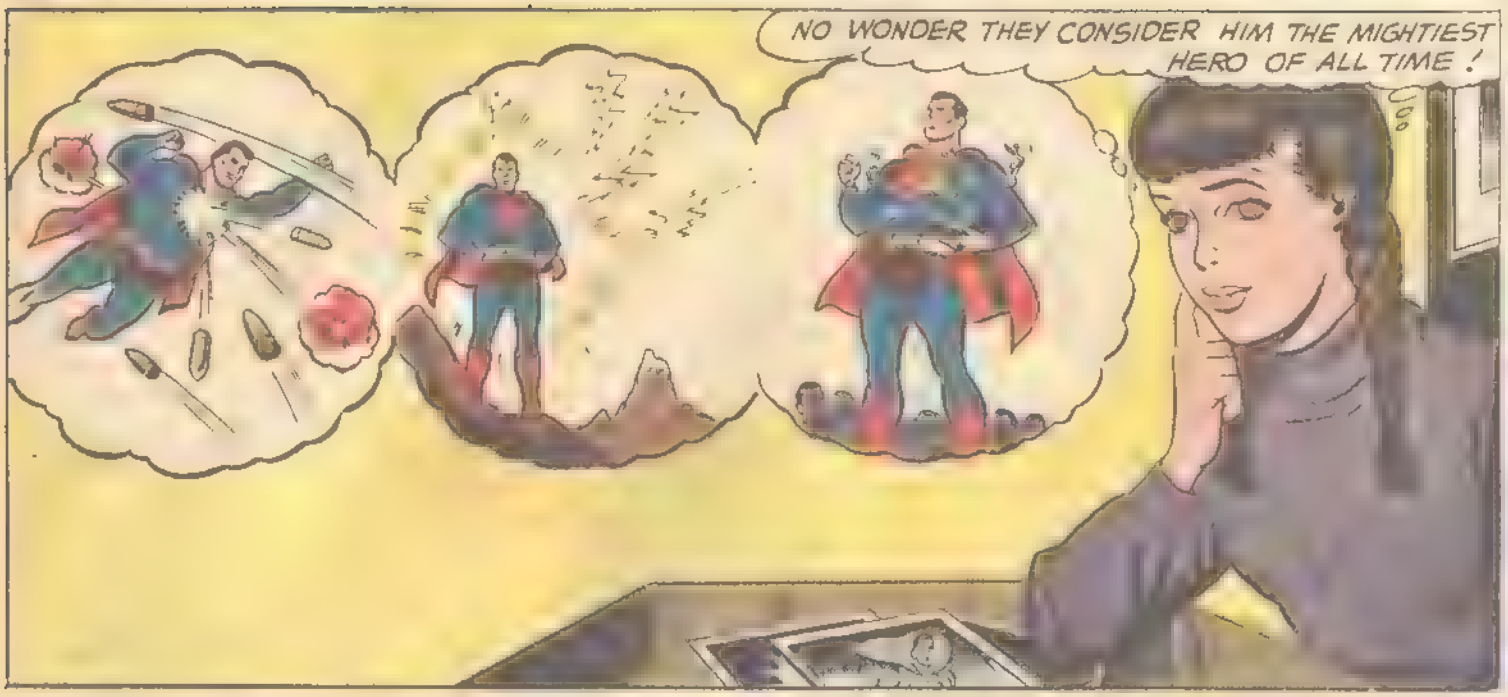

UP TO A FAR-NORTH LUMBER CAMP TRAVELS ANOTHER ORPHAN, BOB CARTER...
YOU'RE THE BEST MESSBOY THIS CAMP EVER HAD!
GEE, THANKS!
WHEN I GROW UP, I'LL BECOME A LUMBER JACK, TOO! THIS RUGGED OUTDOOR LIFE IS TERRIFIC!

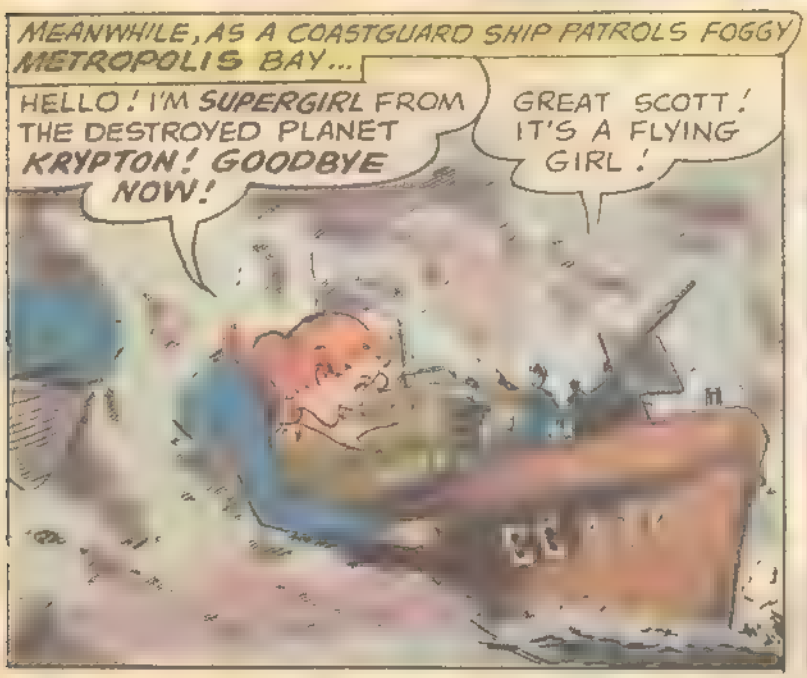

AND AS FOR LINDA LEE, SHE GETS A TEMPORARY JOB AS JUNIOR REPORTER ON THE DAILY PLANET, EARLY ONE MORNING, WHILE CLARK, LOIS AND JIMMY ARE AWAY ON VACATIONS...
PLEASE COME INTO MY OFFICE, LINDA!
YES, MR. WHITE! RIGHT AWAY, MR. WHITE!
CLARK'S NOT ON VACATION! AS SUPERMAN, HE'S AWAY ON AN OUTER-SPACE MISSION! WOULDN'T HE BE SURPRISED IF HE KNEW WHERE I'M WORKING!

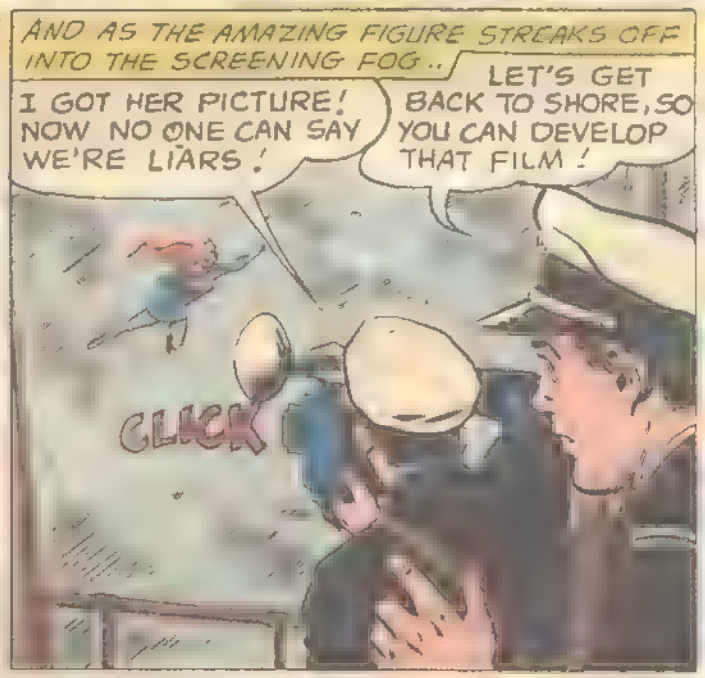

LINDA, I'D LIKE YOU TO WRITE AN ARTICLE FOR OUR SUNDAY EDITION ON WHAT YOU, LINDA LEE, A TEEN-AGE GIRL, CONSIDER TO BE SUPERMAN'S FIVE GREATEST FEATS!
PERRY WHITE EDITOR


OF COURSE YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF SUPERMAN CAN'T BE TOO GREAT, SO HERE ARE SOME NEWS PHOTOS OF HIM IN ACTION TO HELP YOU! YOU MAY USE MR. KENT'S DESK!
ACTUALLY, FEW PEOPLE IN THE WORLD KNOW MORE ABOUT SUPERMAN'S FEATS THAN I DO!


BUT SOON LINDA FINDS HER TASK IS NOT AS SIMPLE AS IT HAD APPEARED...
GOLLY, SUPERMAN HAS DONE SO MANY SUPER-TERRIFIC THINGS, IT'S DIFFICULT TO DECIDE WHICH ARE THE GREATEST!


NO WONDER THEY CONSIDER HIM THE MIGHTIEST HERO OF ALL TIME!


MEANWHILE, AS A COASTGUARD SHIP PATROLS FOGGY METROPOLIS BAY...
HELLO! I'M SUPERGIRL FROM THE DESTROYED PLANET KRYPTON! GOODBYE NOW!
GREAT SCOTT! IT'S A FLYING GIRL!


AND AS THE AMAZING FIGURE STREAKS OFF INTO THE SCREENING FOG..
I GOT HER PICTURE! NOW NO ONE CAN SAY WE'RE LIARS!
LET'S GET BACK TO SHORE, SO YOU CAN DEVELOP THAT FILM!
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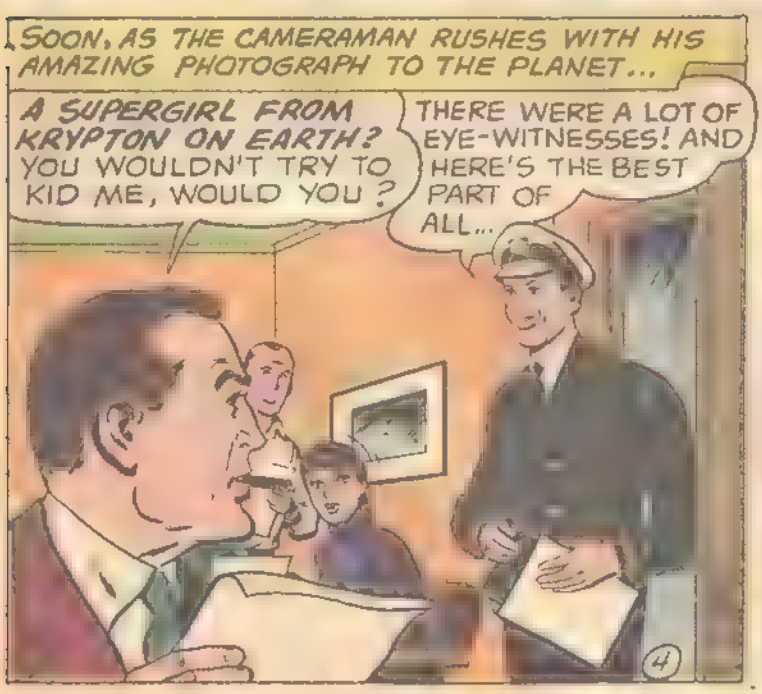
SOON, AS THE CAMERAMAN RUSHES WITH HIS AMAZING PHOTOGRAPH TO THE PLANET...
A SUPERGIRL FROM KRYPTON ON EARTH? YOU WOULDN'T TRY TO KID ME, WOULD YOU?
THERE WERE A LOT OF EYE-WITNESSES! AND HERE'S THE BEST PART OF ALL...
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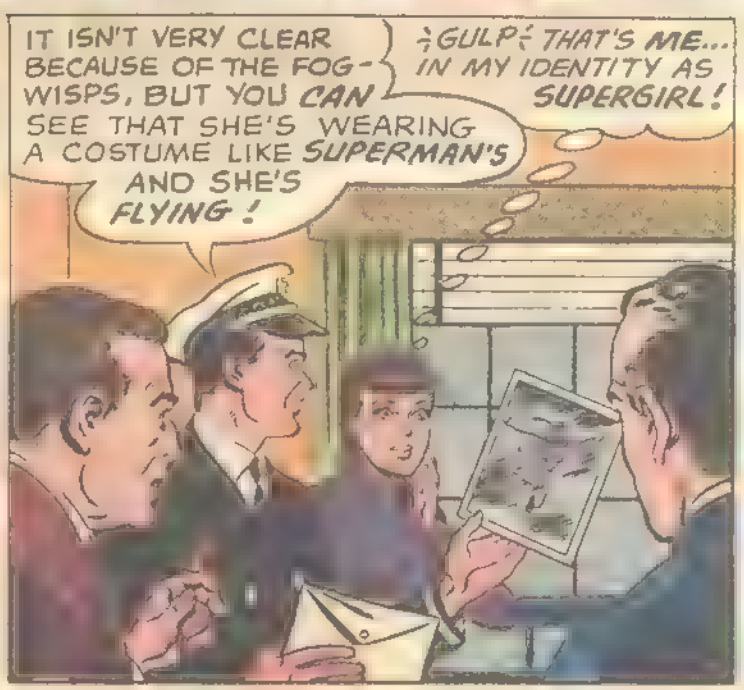
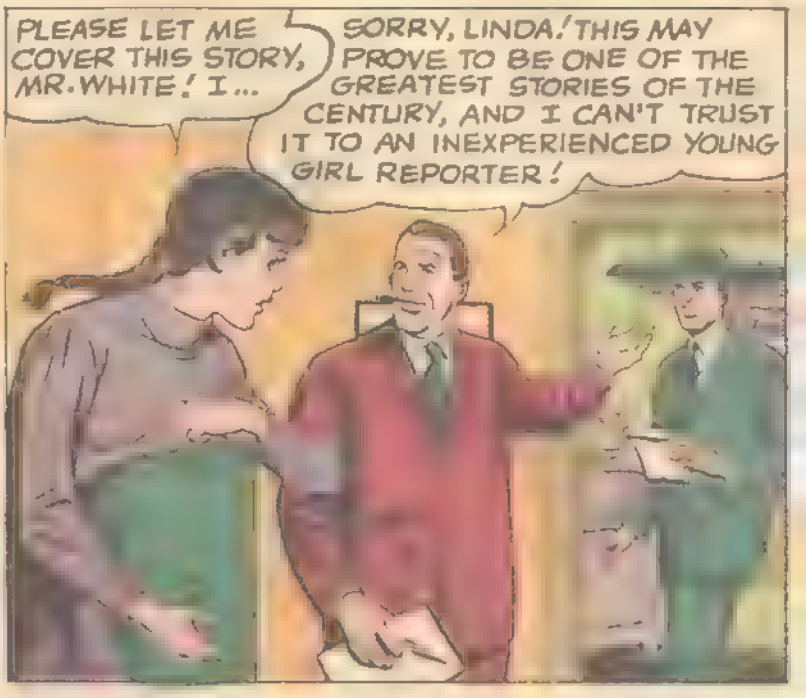
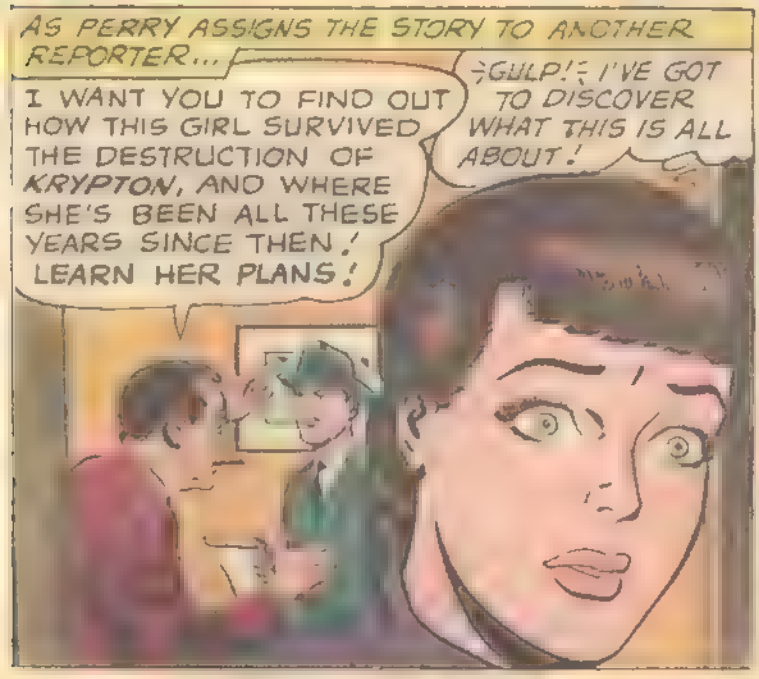
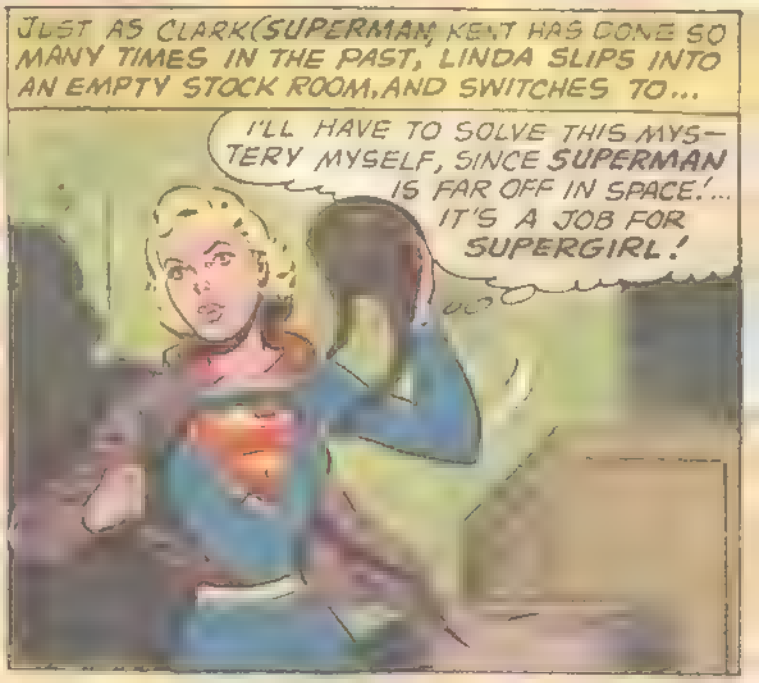
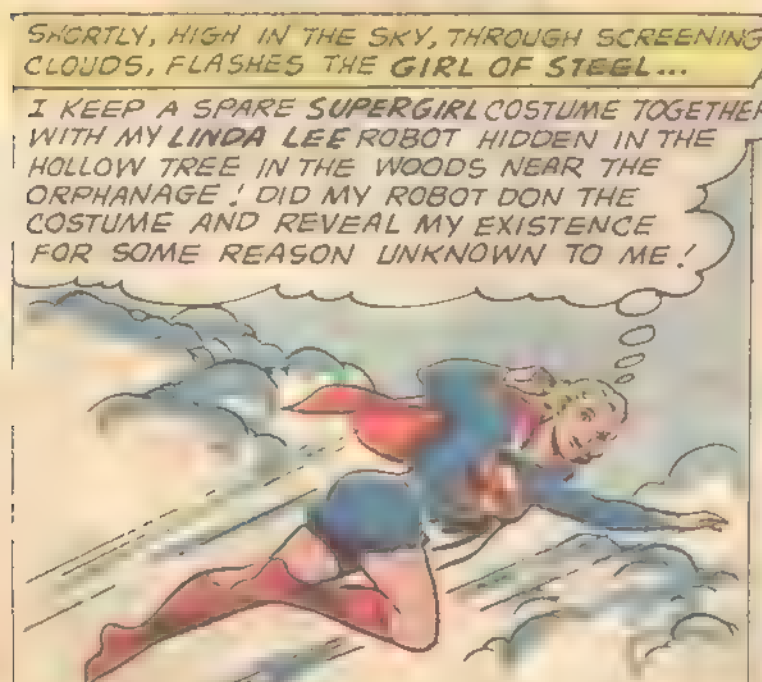

IT ISN'T VERY CLEAR BECAUSE OF THE FOG-WISPS, BUT YOU CAN SEE THAT SHE'S WEARING A COSTUME LIKE SUPERMAN'S AND SHE'S FLYING!
GULP! THAT'S ME... IN MY IDENTITY AS SUPERGIRL!

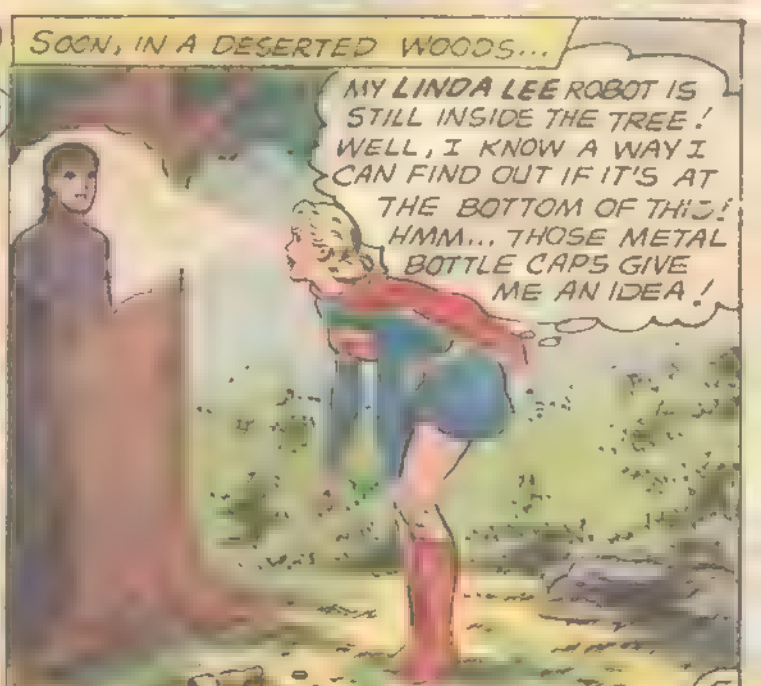
IT LOOKS GENUINE!
BUT IT CAN'T BE ME! I DIDN'T, AND I WOULDN'T, FLY LOW AND WAVE TO PEOPLE! I'VE PROMISED SUPERMAN TO KEEP MY EXISTENCE ON EARTH A SECRET SO I CAN HELP HIM IN AN EXTREME EMERGENCY!

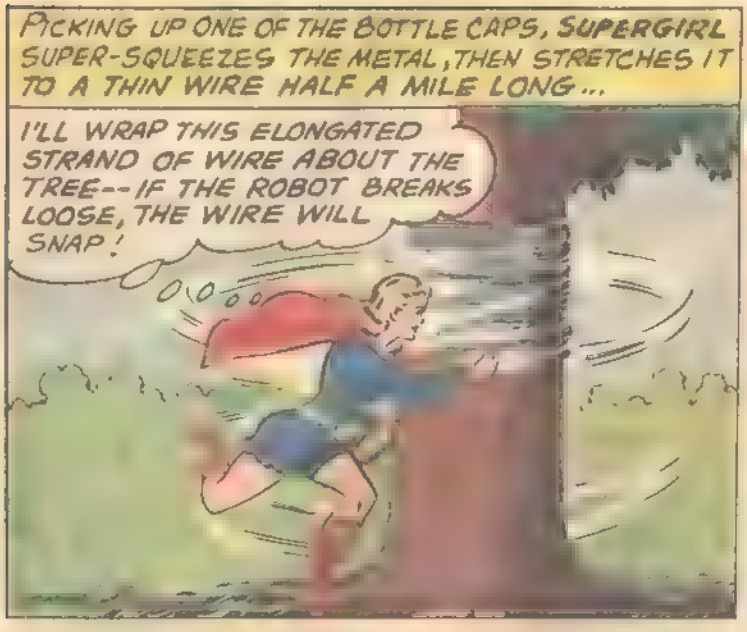

PLEASE LET ME COVER THIS STORY, MR. WHITE! I...
SORRY, LINDA! THIS MAY PROVE TO BE ONE OF THE GREATEST STORIES OF THE CENTURY, AND I CAN'T TRUST IT TO AN INEXPERIENCED YOUNG GIRL REPORTER!

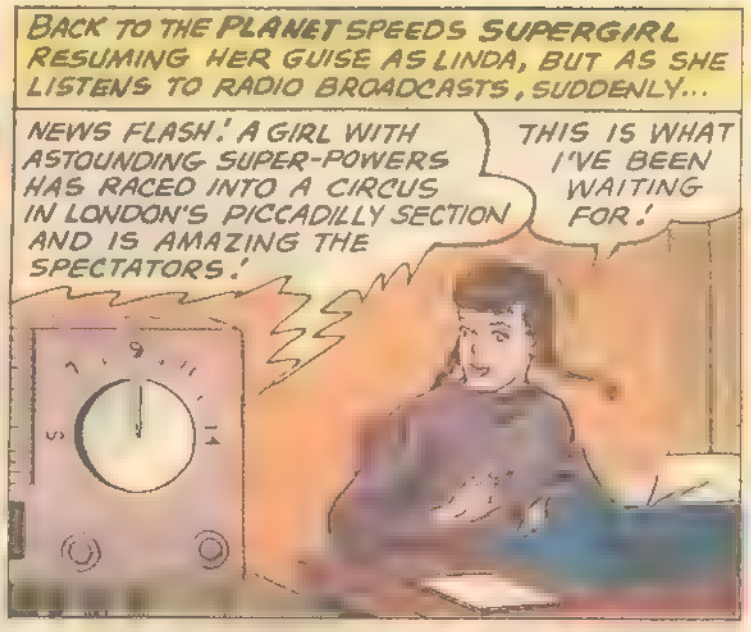

AS PERRY ASSIGNS THE STORY TO ANOTHER REPORTER...
I WANT YOU TO FIND OUT HOW THIS GIRL SURVIVED THE DESTRUCTION OF KRYPTON, AND WHERE SHE'S BEEN ALL THESE YEARS SINCE THEN! LEARN HER PLANS!
GULP! I'VE GOT TO DISCOVER WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!

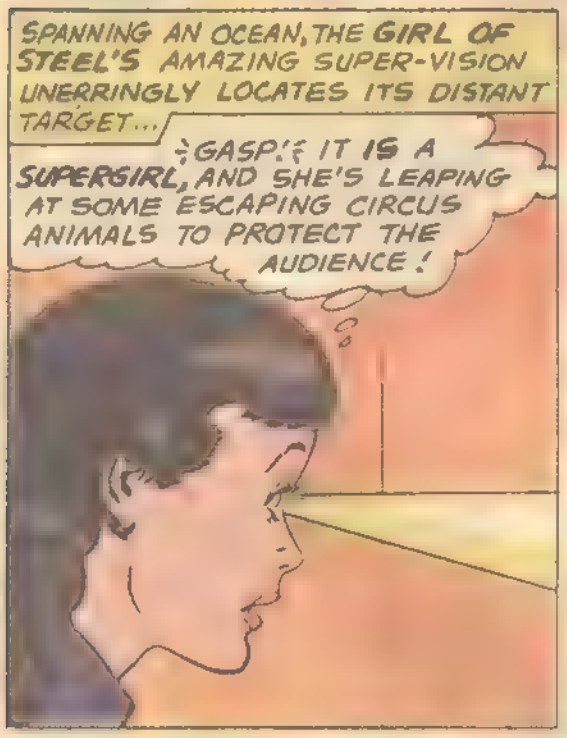

JUST AS CLARK (SUPERMAN) KENT HAS DONE SO MANY TIMES IN THE PAST, LINDA SLIPS INTO AN EMPTY STOCK ROOM, AND SWITCHES TO...
I'LL HAVE TO SOLVE THIS MYSTERY MYSELF, SINCE SUPERMAN IS FAR OFF IN SPACE!... IT'S A JOB FOR SUPERGIRL!

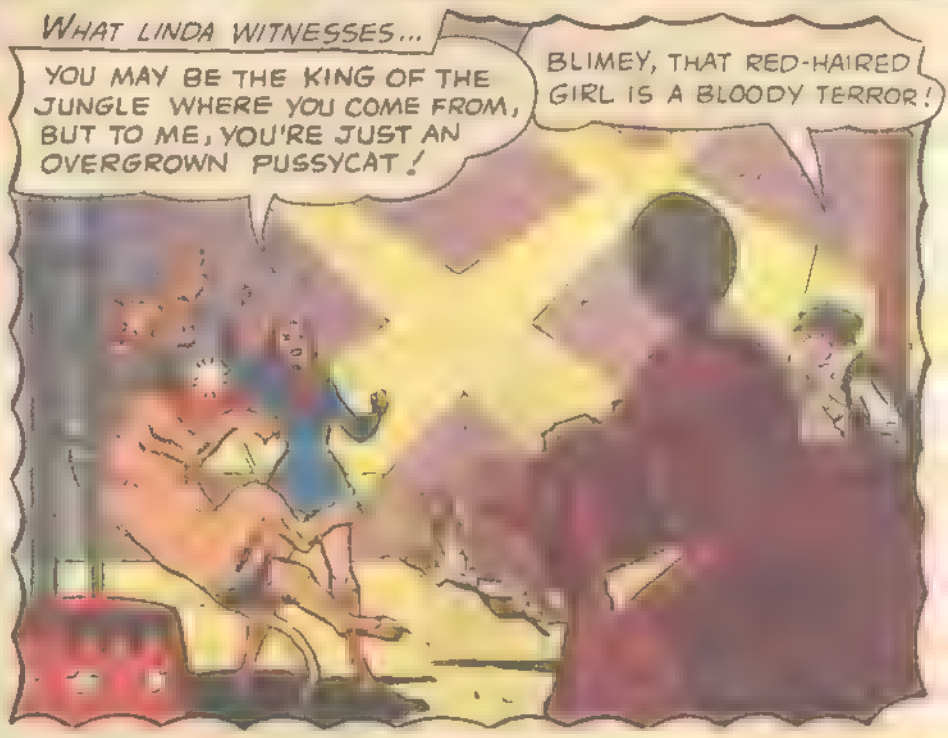

SHORTLY, HIGH IN THE SKY, THROUGH SCREENING CLOUDS, FLASHES THE GIRL OF STEEL...
I KEEP A SPARE SUPERGIRL COSTUME TOGETHER WITH MY LINDA LEE ROBOT HIDDEN IN THE HOLLOW TREE IN THE WOODS NEAR THE ORPHANAGE! DID MY ROBOT DON THE COSTUME AND REVEAL MY EXISTENCE FOR SOME REASON UNKNOWN TO ME!


SOON, IN A DESERTED WOODS...
MY LINDA LEE ROBOT IS STILL INSIDE THE TREE! WELL, I KNOW A WAY I CAN FIND OUT IF IT'S AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS! HMM... THOSE METAL BOTTLE CAPS GIVE ME AN IDEA!

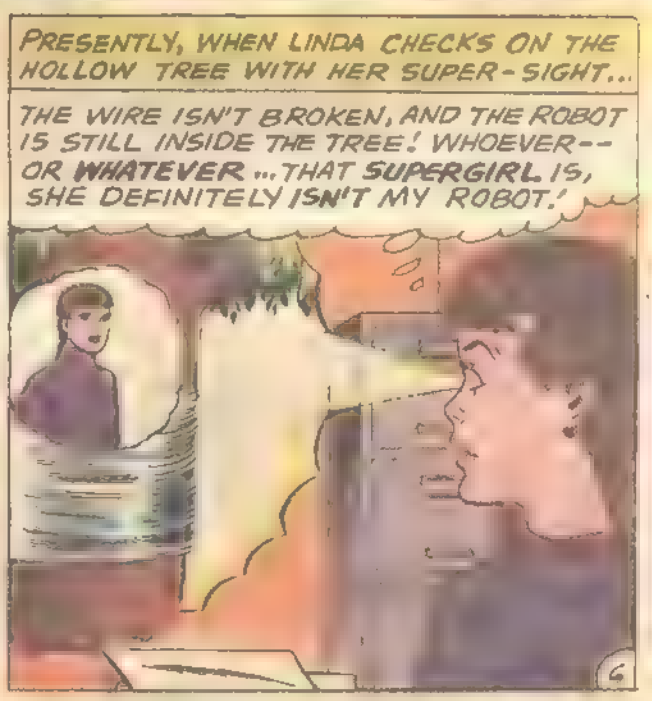

PICKING UP ONE OF THE BOTTLE CAPS, SUPERGIRL SUPER-SQUEEZES THE METAL, THEN STRETCHES IT TO A THIN WIRE HALF A MILE LONG...
I'LL WRAP THIS ELONGATED STRAND OF WIRE ABOUT THE TREE--IF THE ROBOT BREAKS LOOSE, THE WIRE WILL SNAP!

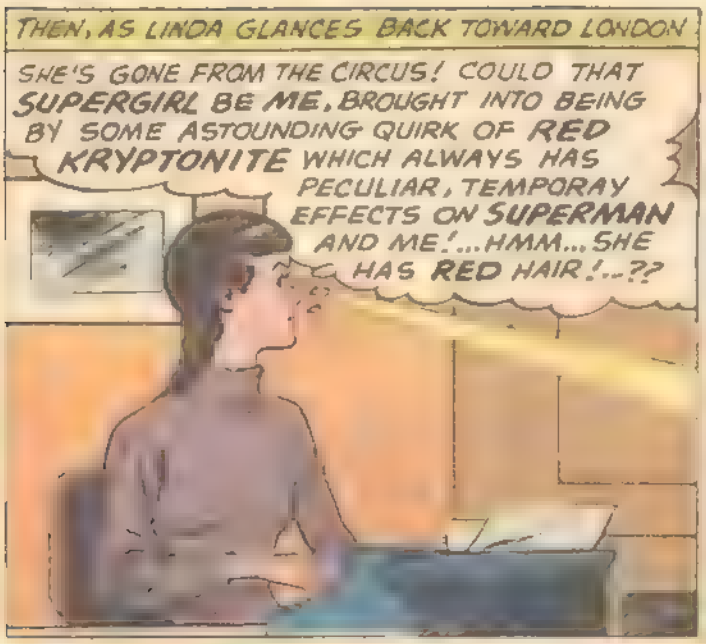

BACK TO THE PLANET SPEEDS SUPERGIRL RESUMING HER GUISE AS LINDA, BUT AS SHE LISTENS TO RADIO BROADCASTS, SUDDENLY...
NEWS FLASH! A GIRL WITH ASTOUNDING SUPER-POWERS HAS RACED INTO A CIRCUS IN LONDON'S PICCADILLY SECTION AND IS AMAZING THE SPECTATORS!
THIS IS WHAT I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!

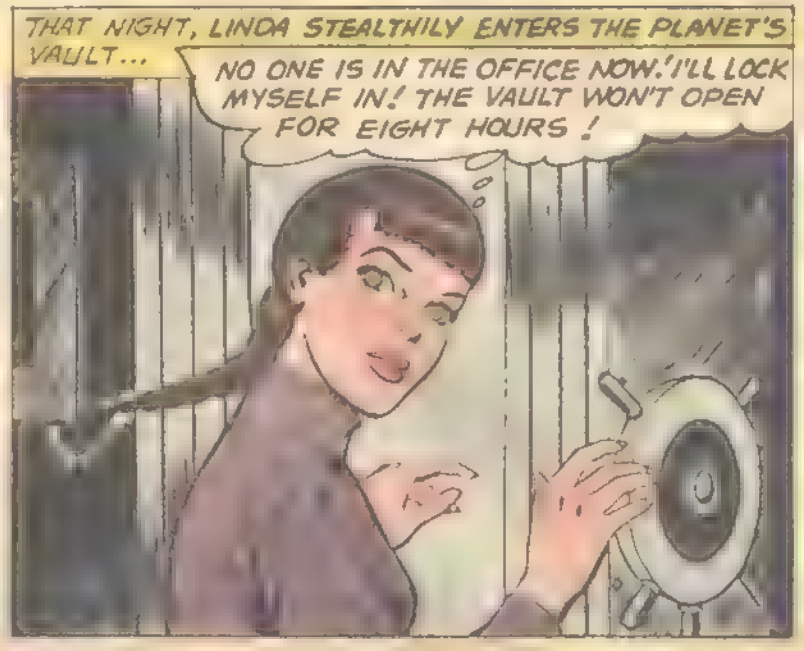

SPANNING AN OCEAN, THE GIRL OF STEEL'S AMAZING SUPER-VISION UNERRINGLY LOCATES ITS DISTANT TARGET...
GASP! IT IS A SUPERGIRL, AND SHE'S LEAPING AT SOME ESCAPING CIRCUS ANIMALS TO PROTECT THE AUDIENCE!


WHAT LINDA WITNESSES...
YOU MAY BE THE KING OF THE JUNGLE WHERE YOU COME FROM, BUT TO ME, YOU'RE JUST AN OVERGROWN PUSSYCAT!
BLIMEY, THAT RED-HAIRED GIRL IS A BLOODY TERROR!

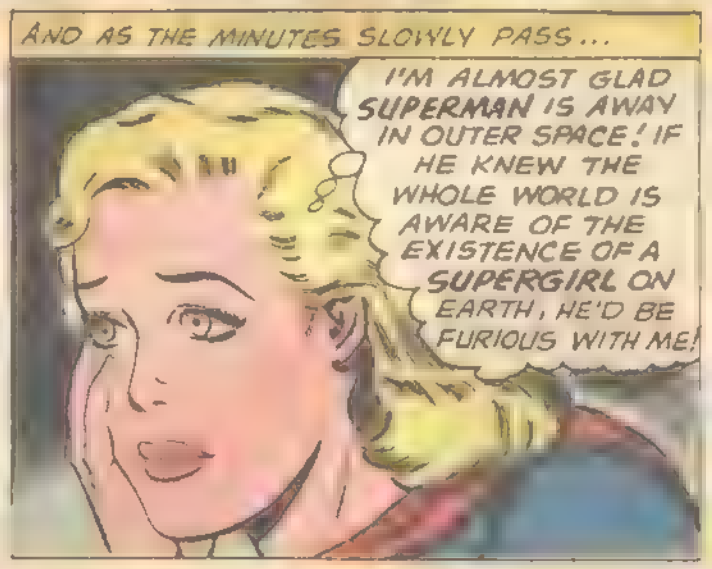
I WARN YOU, DON'T ANNOY ME TOO MUCH! YOU'D MAKE A BEAUTIFUL LEOPARD-SKIN RUG!
BY JOVE, THAT SUPERGIRL IS JOLLY WELL FANTASTIC!

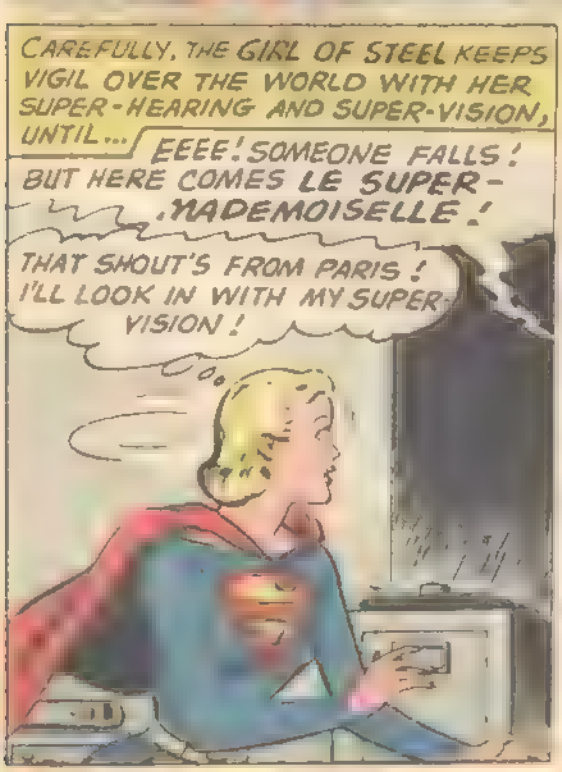

PRESENTLY, WHEN LINDA CHECKS ON THE HOLLOW TREE WITH HER SUPER-SIGHT...
THE WIRE ISN'T BROKEN, AND THE ROBOT IS STILL INSIDE THE TREE! WHOEVER--OR WHATEVER...THAT SUPERGIRL IS, SHE DEFINITELY ISN'T MY ROBOT!

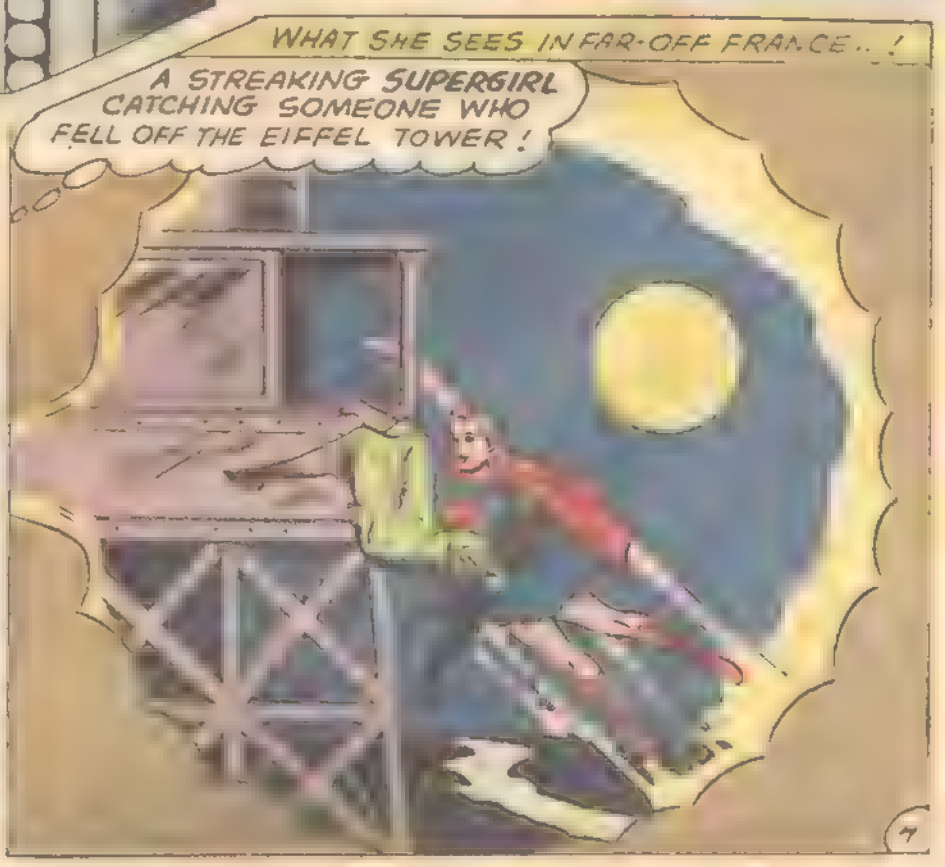

THEN, AS LINDA GLANCES BACK TOWARD LONDON
SHE'S GONE FROM THE CIRCUS! COULD THAT SUPERGIRL BE ME, BROUGHT INTO BEING BY SOME ASTOUNDING QUIRK OF RED KRYPTONITE WHICH ALWAYS HAS PECULIAR, TEMPORAY EFFECTS ON SUPERMAN AND ME!...HMM...SHE HAS RED HAIR!..??


THAT NIGHT, LINDA STEALTHILY ENTERS THE PLANET'S VAULT...
NO ONE IS IN THE OFFICE NOW.! I'LL LOCK MYSELF IN! THE VAULT WON'T OPEN FOR EIGHT HOURS!

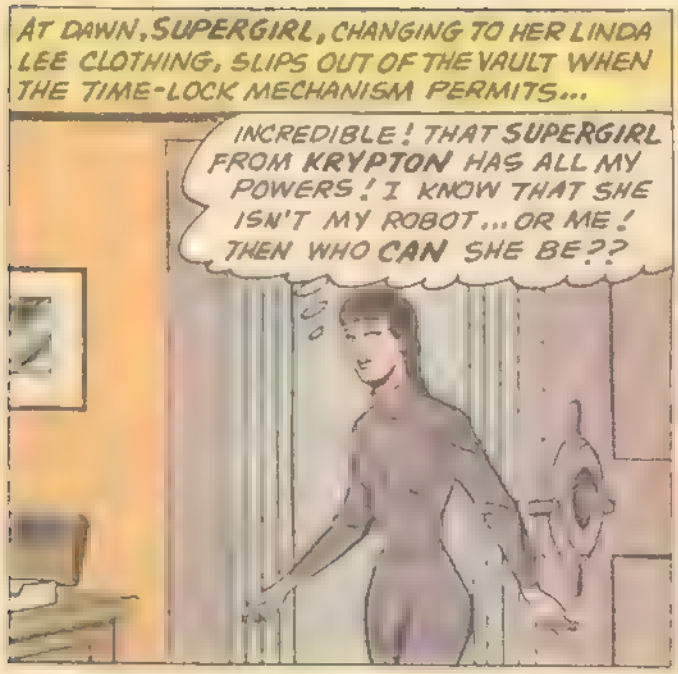
INSIDE, LINDA CHANGES TO HER COSTUME AND MAKES HERSELF COMFORTABLE...
I'LL BE HERE ALL NIGHT.' IF THAT MYSTERY SUPERGIRL GOES INTO ACTION WHILE I'M LOCKED IN HERE, IT'LL PROVE SHE ISN'T ME!

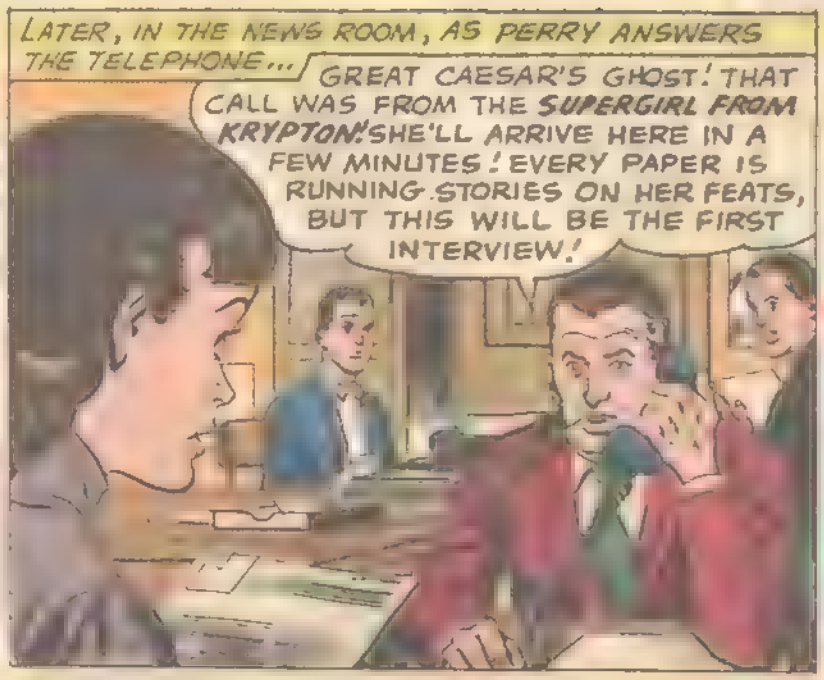

AND AS THE MINUTES SLOWLY PASS...
I'M ALMOST GLAD SUPERMAN IS AWAY IN OUTER SPACE! IF HE KNEW THE WHOLE WORLD IS AWARE OF THE EXISTENCE OF A SUPERGIRL ON EARTH, HE'D BE FURIOUS WITH ME!


CAREFULLY, THE GIRL OF STEEL KEEPS VIGIL OVER THE WORLD WITH HER SUPER-HEARING AND SUPER-VISION, UNTIL...
EEEE! SOMEONE FALLS! BUT HERE COMES LE SUPER-MADEMOISELLE!
THAT SHOUT'S FROM PARIS! I'LL LOOK IN WITH MY SUPER-VISION!

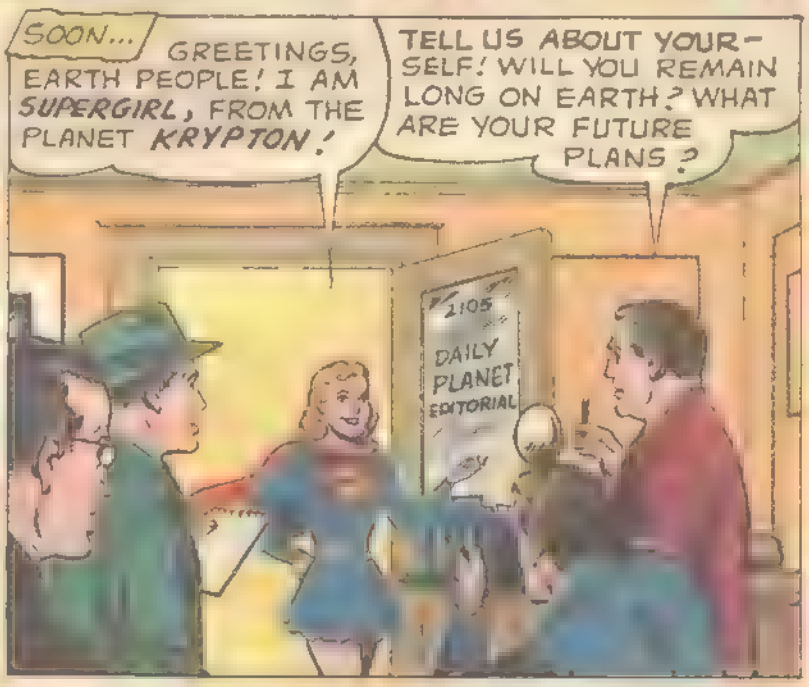

WHAT SHE SEES IN FAR-OFF FRANCE..!
A STREAKING SUPERGIRL CATCHING SOMEONE WHO FELL OFF THE EIFFEL TOWER!

STUNNED, THE GIRL OF STEEL REALIZES...
I SAW A GIRL... A SUPERGIRL, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD, PERFORMING A SUPER-RESCUE! BUT SINCE I'M LOCKED HERE IN THE VAULT, SHE CAN'T BE ME!
MINUTES LATER, SHE SIGHTS, IN DISTANT SPAIN..
BRAVO!
IF NOT FOR THAT ASTOUNDING SUPRE MUCHACHA, THE BRAVE MATADOR WHO TRIPPED WOULD HAVE BEEN GORED BY THE BULL!
PLAZA DE TOROS DE BARCELONA
SENSACIONAL CORRIDA DE TOROS
BACK IN THE VAULT...
MY GOODNESS, SHE FLEW FROM PARIS TO MADRID IN MINUTES! THAT GIRL NOT ONLY HAS SUPER-STRENGTH, BUT SHE CAN FLY AT SUPER-SPEED FASTER THAN THE SPEEDIEST JET!
SECONDS LATER, THE GIRL OF STEEL PICKS UP A [illegible] DISTRESS CALL FROM A SHIP NEAR GREENLAND...
WE'RE GOING TO CRASH INTO AN ICEBERG! WAIT! I'VE JUST BEEN TOLD A GIRL IN A STRANGE COSTUME IS FLYING TOWARD IT!
÷GASP÷ THIS I'VE GOT TO SEE...!
WHAT THE SUPER-ORPHAN'S AMAZING VISION DISCLOSES...
÷GASP!÷ RAYS FROM THAT FLYING GIRL'S EYES HAVE DESTROYED THE ICEBERG!
WE'RE SAVED!


AT DAWN, SUPERGIRL, CHANGING TO HER LINDA LEE CLOTHING, SLIPS OUT OF THE VAULT WHEN THE TIME-LOCK MECHANISM PERMITS...
INCREDIBLE! THAT SUPERGIRL FROM KRYPTON HAS ALL MY POWERS! I KNOW THAT SHE ISN'T MY ROBOT... OR ME! THEN WHO CAN SHE BE??


LATER, IN THE NEWS ROOM, AS PERRY ANSWERS THE TELEPHONE...
GREAT CAESAR'S GHOST! THAT CALL WAS FROM THE SUPERGIRL FROM KRYPTON! SHE'LL ARRIVE HERE IN A FEW MINUTES! EVERY PAPER IS RUNNING STORIES ON HER FEATS, BUT THIS WILL BE THE FIRST INTERVIEW!

IF THAT WASN'T A CRANK CALL, THIS IS A TERRIFIC NEWS BREAK! GET ME SOME PHOTOGRAPHERS! ALERT THE PRINTING DEPARTMENT FOR A SPECIAL EDITION!
THE MYSTERY SUPERGIRL AND I WILL FINALLY MEET FACE-TO-FACE!...HM-MM...


SOON...
GREETINGS, EARTH PEOPLE! I AM SUPERGIRL, FROM THE PLANET KRYPTON!
TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF! WILL YOU REMAIN LONG ON EARTH? WHAT ARE YOUR FUTURE PLANS?
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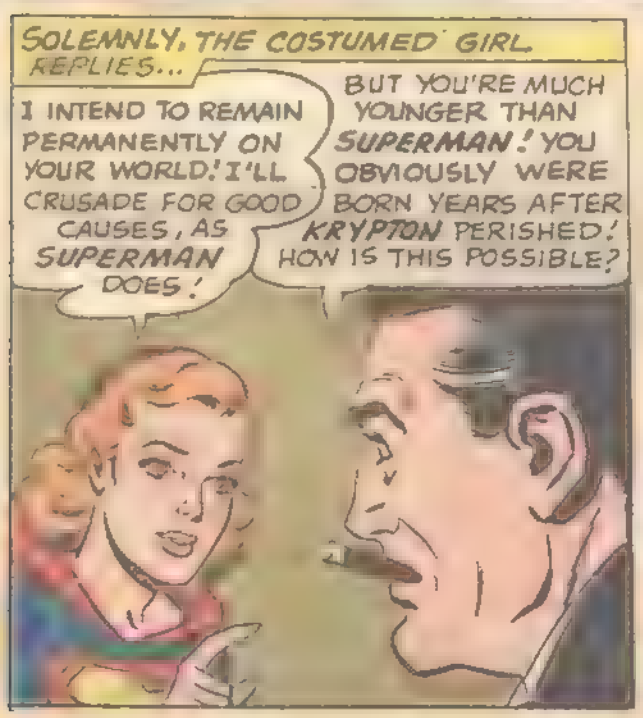
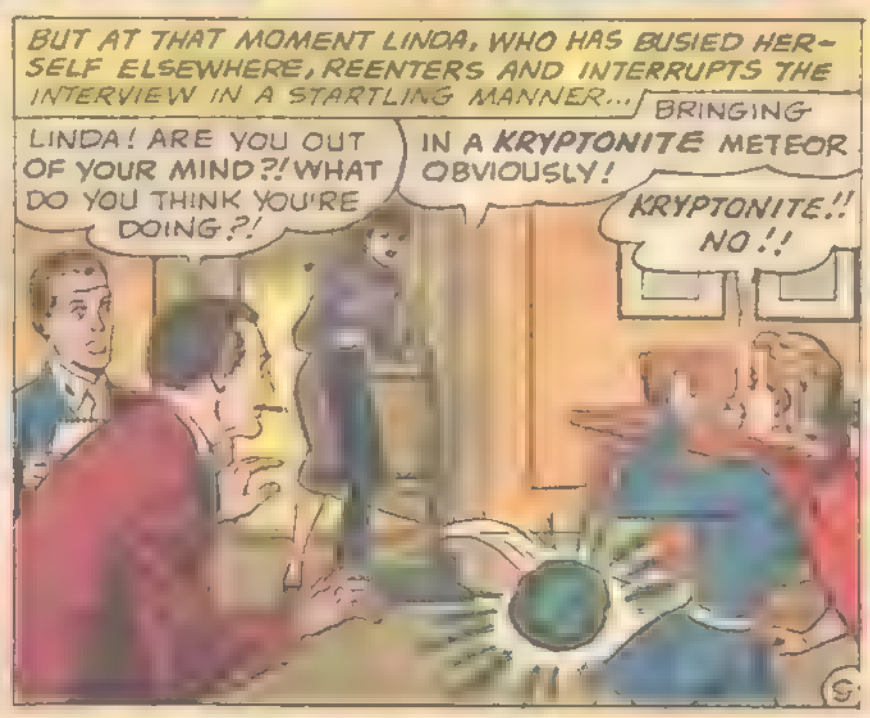
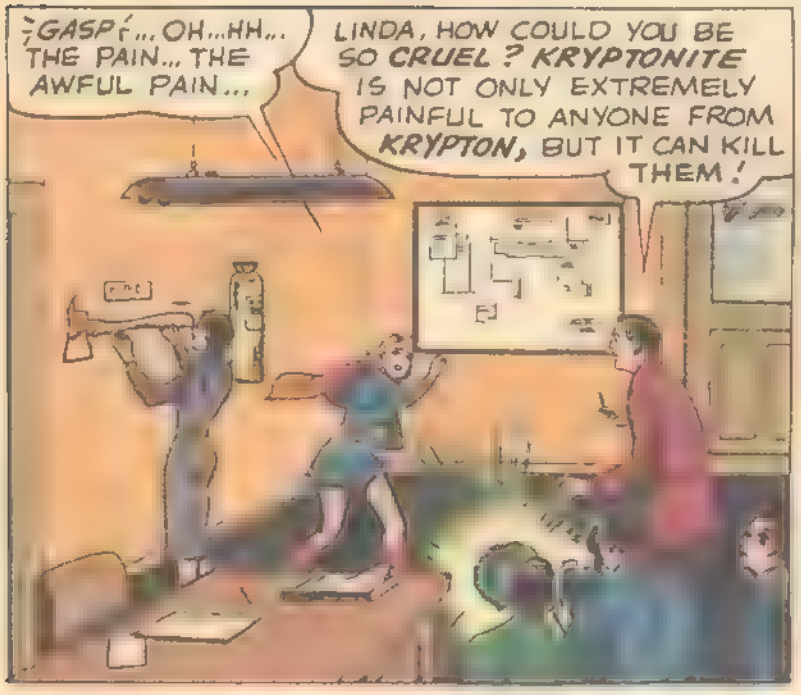
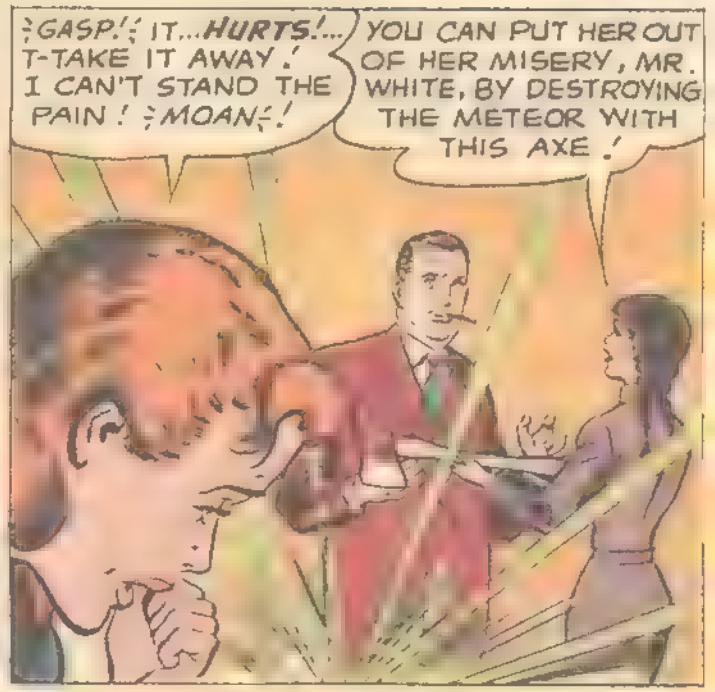
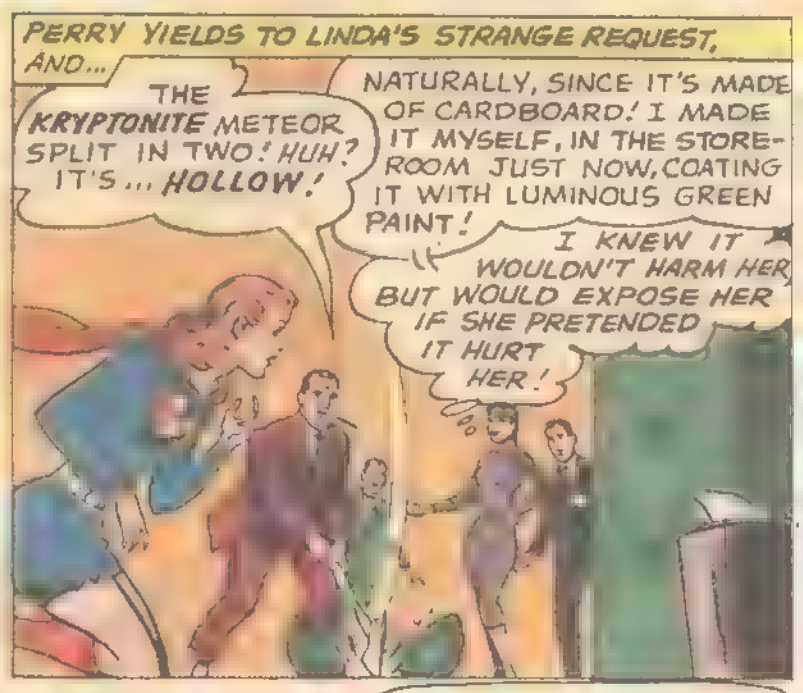

SOLEMNLY, THE COSTUMED GIRL REPLIES...
I INTEND TO REMAIN PERMANENTLY ON YOUR WORLD! I'LL CRUSADE FOR GOOD CAUSES, AS SUPERMAN DOES!
BUT YOU'RE MUCH YOUNGER THAN SUPERMAN! YOU OBVIOUSLY WERE BORN YEARS AFTER KRYPTON PERISHED! HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?

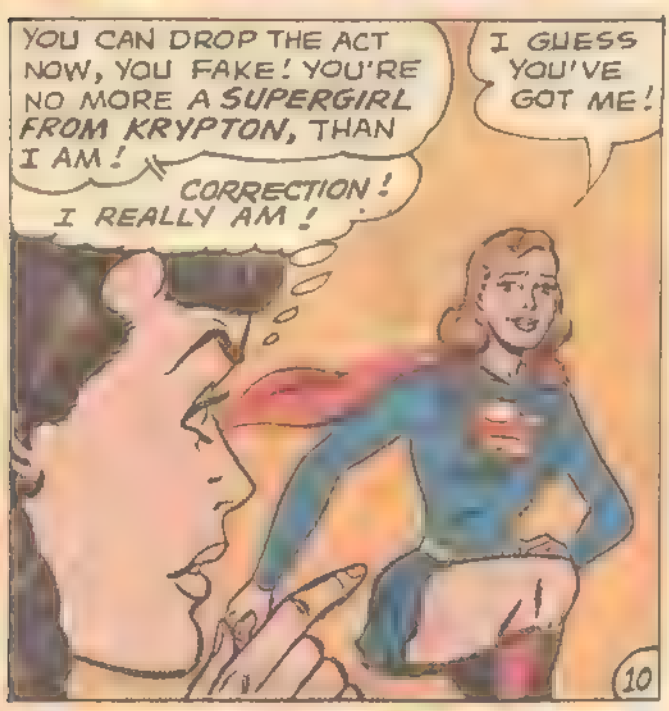

BUT AT THAT MOMENT LINDA, WHO HAS BUSIED HERSELF ELSEWHERE, REENTERS AND INTERRUPTS THE INTERVIEW IN A STARTLING MANNER...
LINDA! ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
BRINGING IN A KRYPTONITE METEOR OBVIOUSLY!
KRYPTONITE!! NO!!

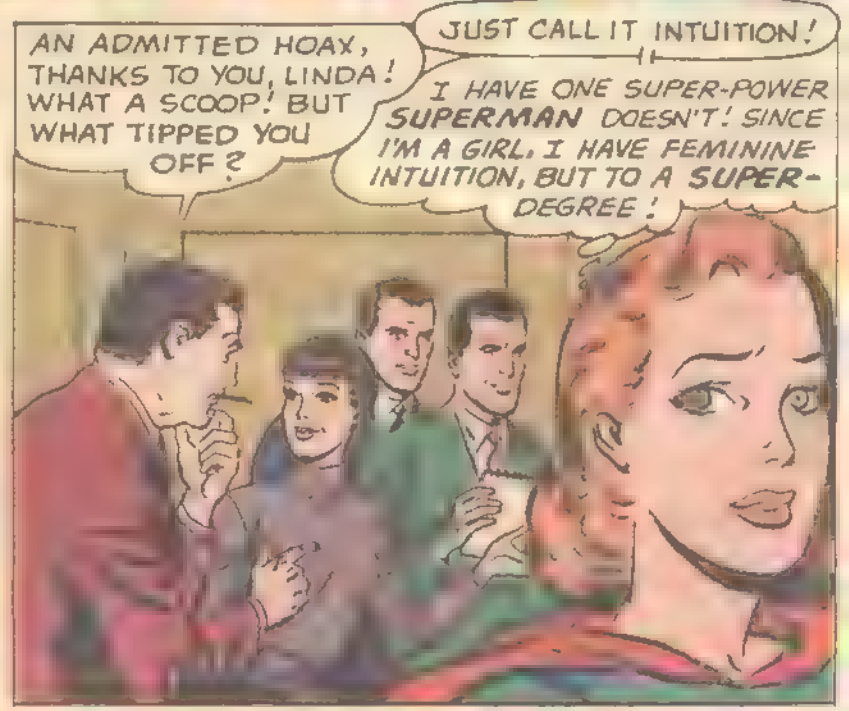

;GASP!... OH...HH... THE PAIN... THE AWFUL PAIN...
LINDA, HOW COULD YOU BE SO CRUEL? KRYPTONITE IS NOT ONLY EXTREMELY PAINFUL TO ANYONE FROM KRYPTON, BUT IT CAN KILL THEM!

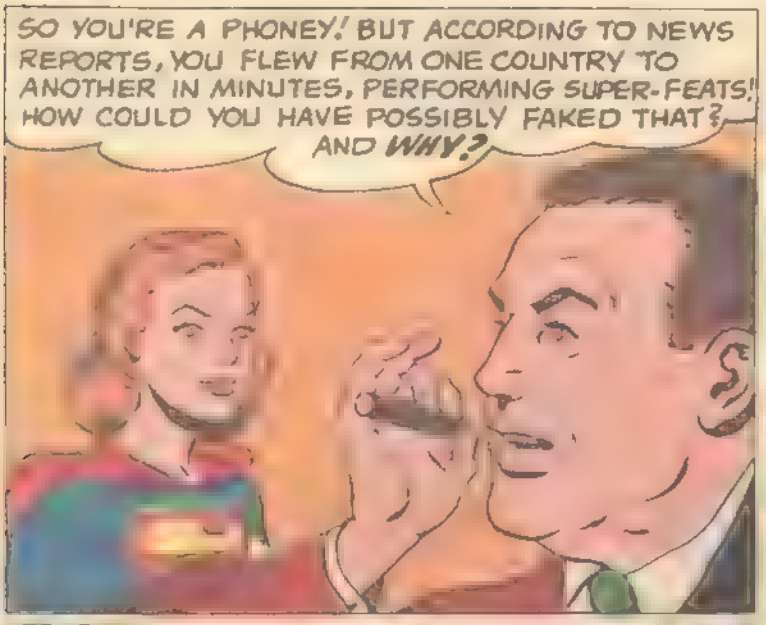

;GASP!; IT...HURTS!... T-TAKE IT AWAY! I CAN'T STAND THE PAIN! ;MOAN;!
YOU CAN PUT HER OUT OF HER MISERY, MR. WHITE, BY DESTROYING THE METEOR WITH THIS AXE!

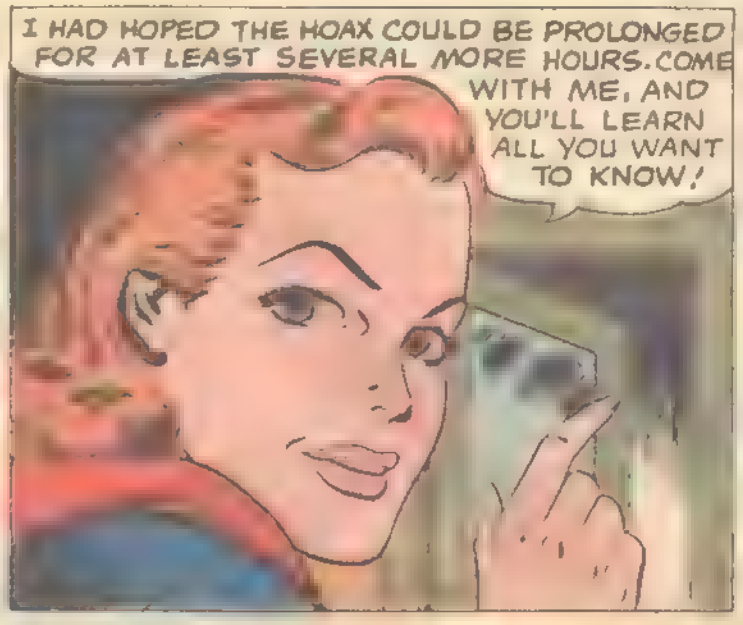
KRYPTONITE IS A SOLID ELEMENT! IT CAN'T BE RENDERED HARMLESS WITH AN AXE! YOU MUST BE OUT OF YOUR MIND!
TRY IT! I GUARANTEE YOU IT WILL WORK!


PERRY YIELDS TO LINDA'S STRANGE REQUEST, AND...
THE KRYPTONITE METEOR SPLIT IN TWO! HUH? IT'S... HOLLOW!
NATURALLY, SINCE IT'S MADE OF CARDBOARD! I MADE IT MYSELF, IN THE STOREROOM JUST NOW, COATING IT WITH LUMINOUS GREEN PAINT!
I KNEW IT WOULDN'T HARM HER BUT WOULD EXPOSE HER IF SHE PRETENDED IT HURT HER!


YOU CAN DROP THE ACT NOW, YOU FAKE! YOU'RE NO MORE A SUPERGIRL FROM KRYPTON, THAN I AM!
I GUESS YOU'VE GOT ME!
CORRECTION! I REALLY AM!


AN ADMITTED HOAX, THANKS TO YOU, LINDA! WHAT A SCOOP! BUT WHAT TIPPED YOU OFF?
JUST CALL IT INTUITION!
I HAVE ONE SUPER-POWER SUPERMAN DOESN'T! SINCE I'M A GIRL, I HAVE FEMININE INTUITION, BUT TO A SUPER-DEGREE!


SO YOU'RE A PHONEY! BUT ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORTS, YOU FLEW FROM ONE COUNTRY TO ANOTHER IN MINUTES, PERFORMING SUPER-FEATS! HOW COULD YOU HAVE POSSIBLY FAKED THAT? AND WHY?


I HAD HOPED THE HOAX COULD BE PROLONGED FOR AT LEAST SEVERAL MORE HOURS. COME WITH ME, AND YOU'LL LEARN ALL YOU WANT TO KNOW!

SOON...
IT'S ALL RIGHT, JOE! THEY'RE WITH ME!
A MOVIE STUDIO! IT FIGURES!
IT WAS ALL A PUBLICITY STUNT FOR A NEW MOVIE!
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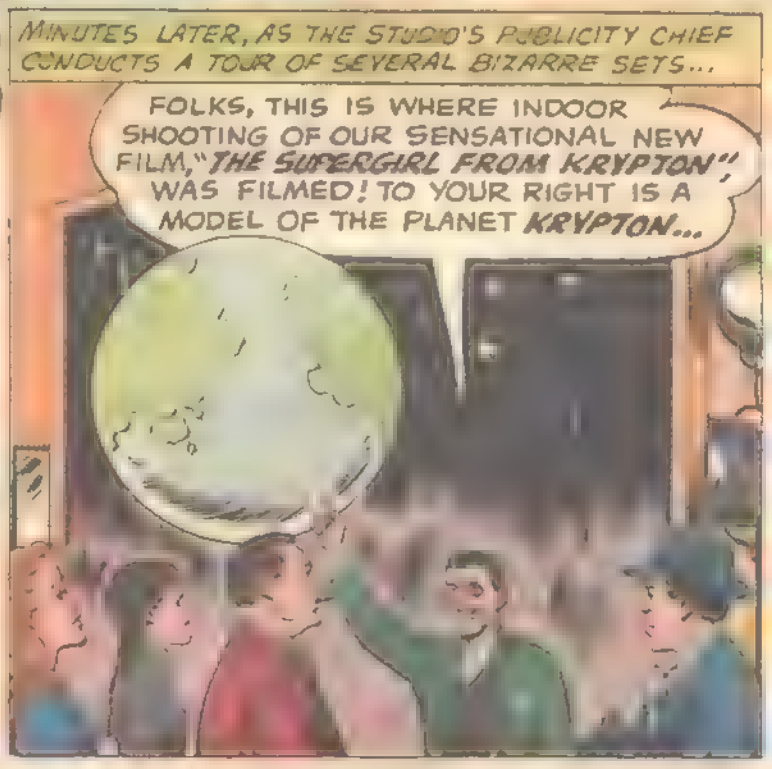
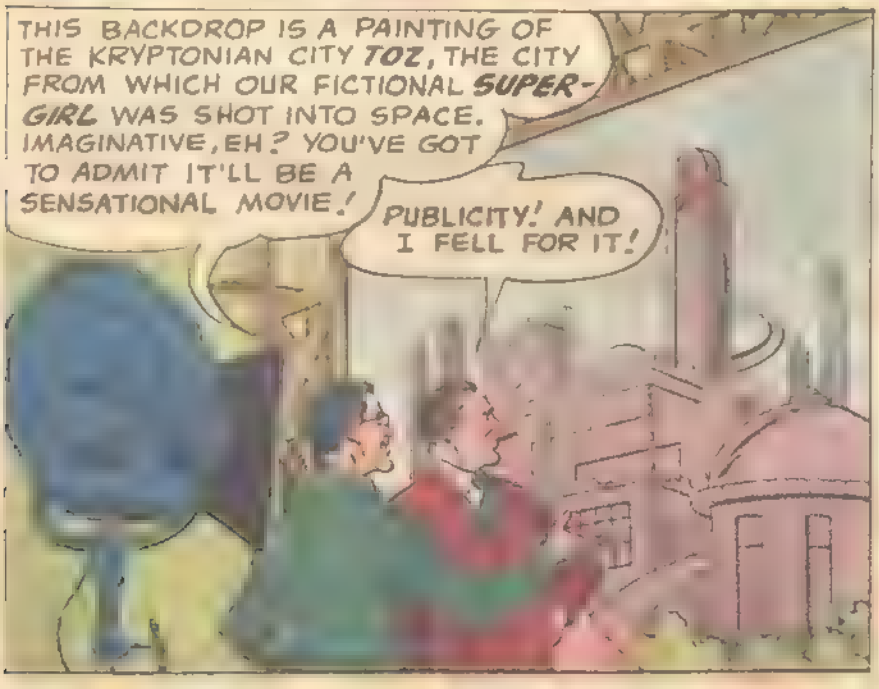

MINUTES LATER, AS THE STUDIO'S PUBLICITY CHIEF CONDUCTS A TOUR OF SEVERAL BIZARRE SETS...
FOLKS, THIS IS WHERE INDOOR SHOOTING OF OUR SENSATIONAL NEW FILM, "THE SUPERGIRL FROM KRYPTON", WAS FILMED! TO YOUR RIGHT IS A MODEL OF THE PLANET KRYPTON...


THIS BACKDROP IS A PAINTING OF THE KRYPTONIAN CITY TOZ, THE CITY FROM WHICH OUR FICTIONAL SUPER-GIRL WAS SHOT INTO SPACE. IMAGINATIVE, EH? YOU'VE GOT TO ADMIT IT'LL BE A SENSATIONAL MOVIE!
PUBLICITY! AND I FELL FOR IT!

IN OUR STORY, THIS TEST SPACE SHIP WAS DAMAGED IN ITS BLAST-OFF FROM KRYPTON! INSIDE IT, "SUPERGIRL" CIRCLED EARTH IN A STATE OF SUSPENDED ANIMATION FOR YEARS UNTIL A GLANCING BLOW FROM A METEOR CAUSED THE SHIP TO WORK AGAIN..."
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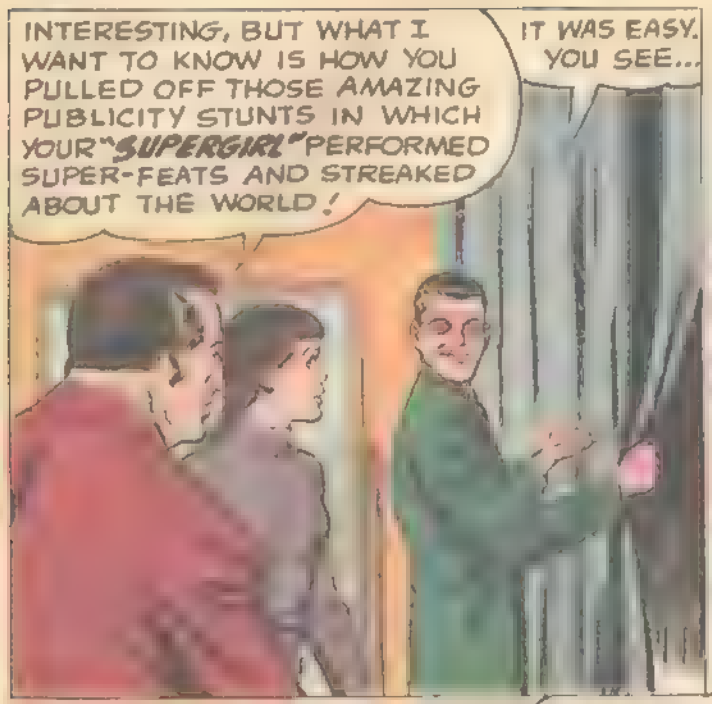
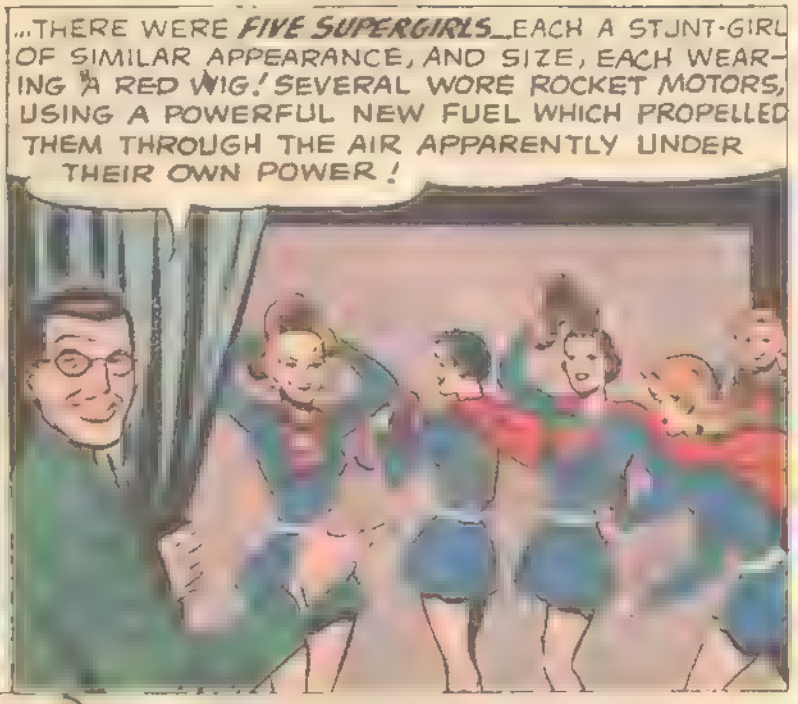
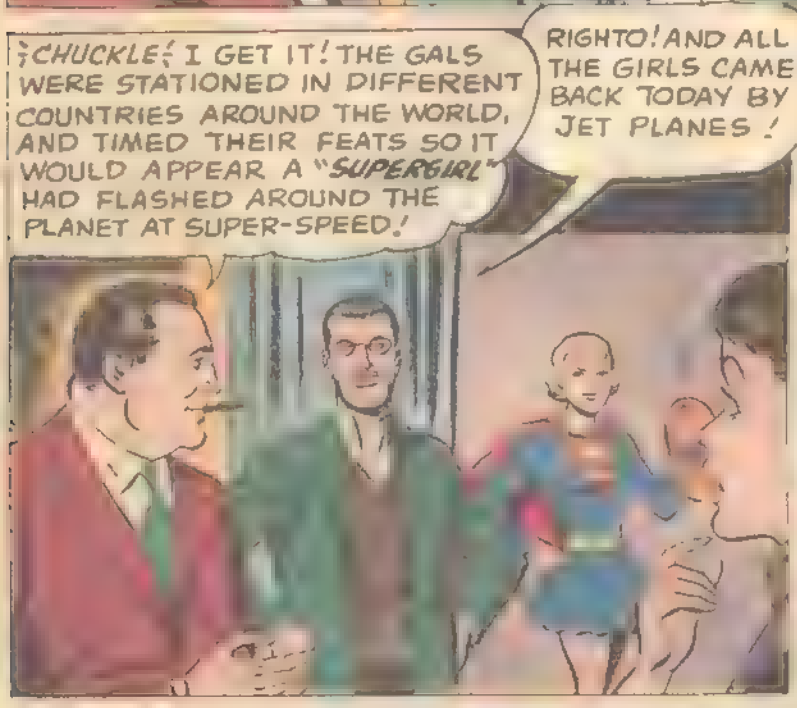
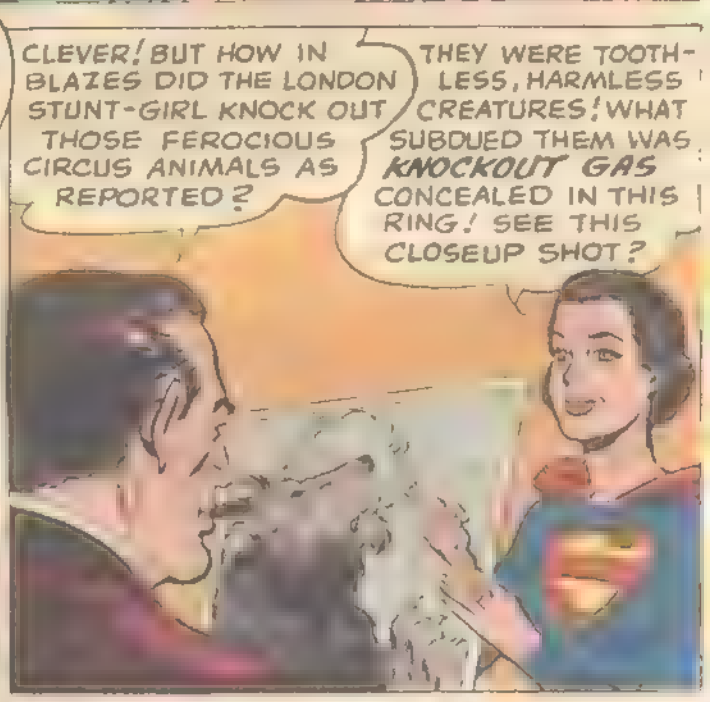
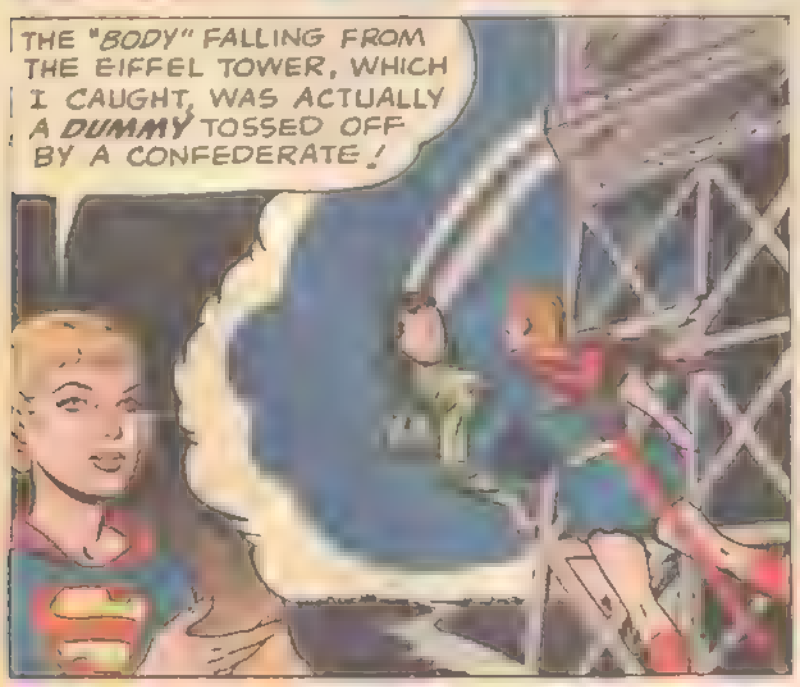
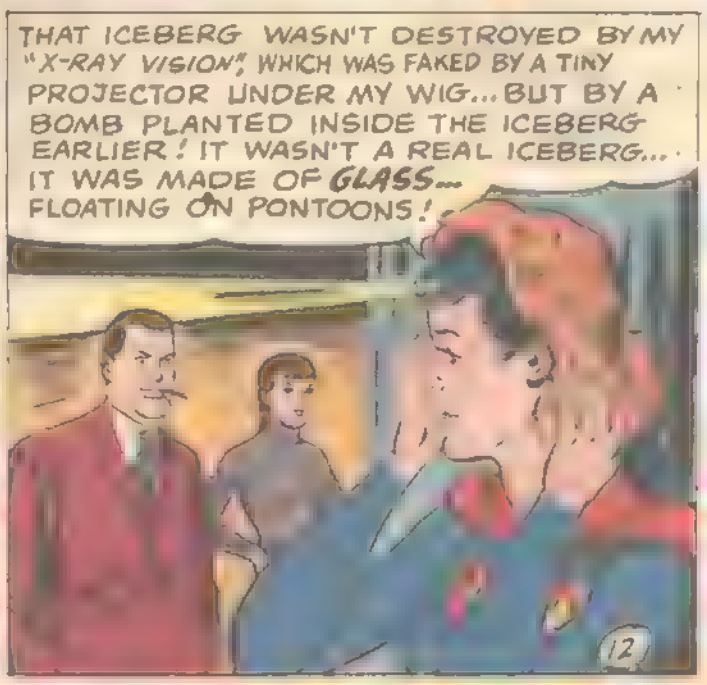

INTERESTING, BUT WHAT I WANT TO KNOW IS HOW YOU PULLED OFF THOSE AMAZING PUBLICITY STUNTS IN WHICH YOUR "SUPERGIRL" PERFORMED SUPER-FEATS AND STREAKED ABOUT THE WORLD!
IT WAS EASY. YOU SEE...

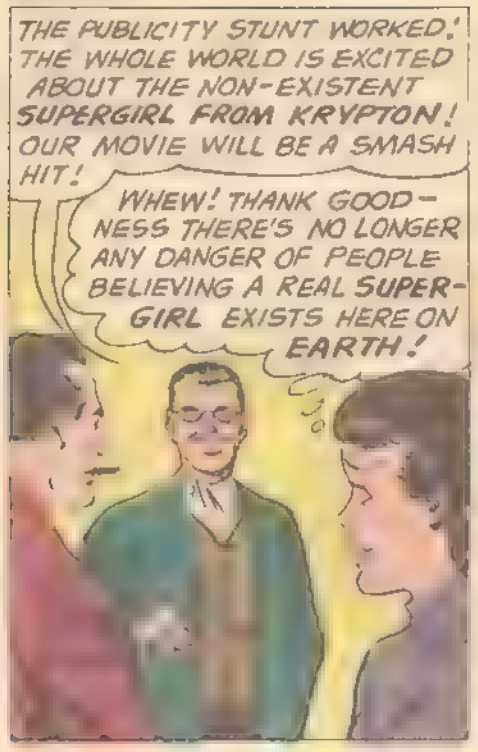

...THERE WERE FIVE SUPERGIRLS—EACH A STUNT-GIRL OF SIMILAR APPEARANCE, AND SIZE, EACH WEARING A RED WIG! SEVERAL WORE ROCKET MOTORS, USING A POWERFUL NEW FUEL WHICH PROPELLED THEM THROUGH THE AIR APPARENTLY UNDER THEIR OWN POWER!


CHUCKLE! I GET IT! THE GALS WERE STATIONED IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD, AND TIMED THEIR FEATS SO IT WOULD APPEAR A "SUPERGIRL" HAD FLASHED AROUND THE PLANET AT SUPER-SPEED!
RIGHTO! AND ALL THE GIRLS CAME BACK TODAY BY JET PLANES!

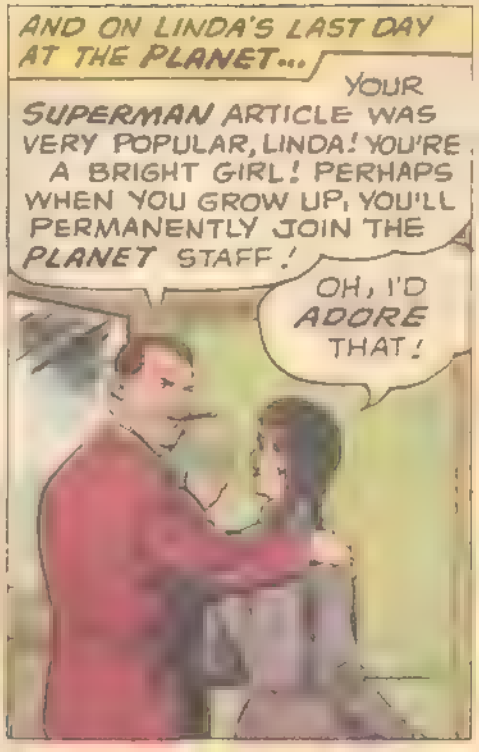

CLEVER! BUT HOW IN BLAZES DID THE LONDON STUNT-GIRL KNOCK OUT THOSE FEROCIOUS CIRCUS ANIMALS AS REPORTED?
THEY WERE TOOTHLESS, HARMLESS CREATURES! WHAT SUBDUED THEM WAS KNOCKOUT GAS CONCEALED IN THIS RING! SEE THIS CLOSEUP SHOT?


THE "BODY" FALLING FROM THE EIFFEL TOWER, WHICH I CAUGHT, WAS ACTUALLY A DUMMY TOSSED OFF BY A CONFEDERATE!

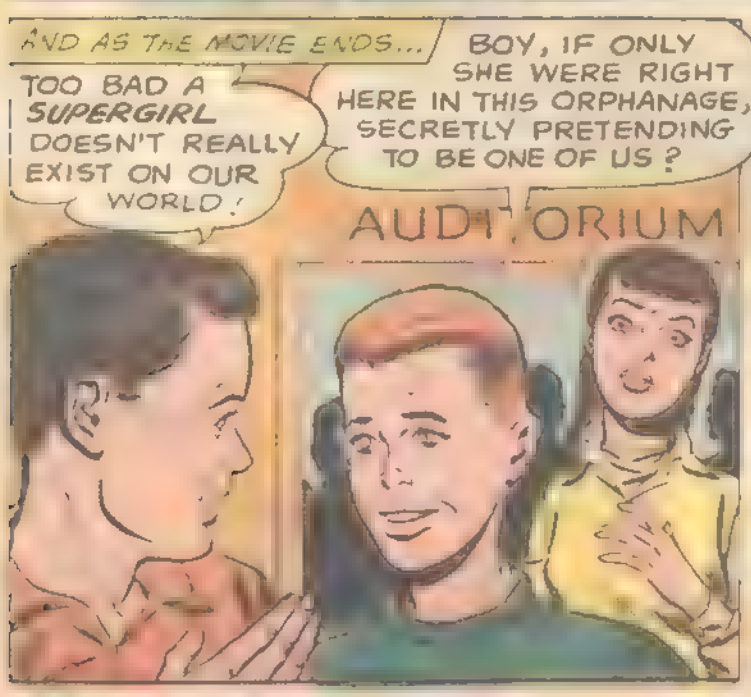

THAT ICEBERG WASN'T DESTROYED BY MY "X-RAY VISION", WHICH WAS FAKED BY A TINY PROJECTOR UNDER MY WIG... BUT BY A BOMB PLANTED INSIDE THE ICEBERG EARLIER! IT WASN'T A REAL ICEBERG... IT WAS MADE OF GLASS... FLOATING ON PONTOONS!


THE PUBLICITY STUNT WORKED! THE WHOLE WORLD IS EXCITED ABOUT THE NON-EXISTENT SUPERGIRL FROM KRYPTON! OUR MOVIE WILL BE A SMASH HIT!
WHEW! THANK GOODNESS THERE'S NO LONGER ANY DANGER OF PEOPLE BELIEVING A REAL SUPERGIRL EXISTS HERE ON EARTH!

WHEN CLARK KENT RETURNS FROM HIS BRIEF VACATION...
I UNDERSTAND YOU WERE IN QUITE A TOUGH SPOT WHILE I WAS GONE, LINDA! I'M PROUD OF THE WAY YOU EXPOSED THAT FAKE SUPERGIRL!
THANK GOODNESS IT ALL ENDED WITH SUPERMAN BEING PROUD OF ME, INSTEAD OF BEING ANGRY!


AND ON LINDA'S LAST DAY AT THE PLANET...
YOUR SUPERMAN ARTICLE WAS VERY POPULAR, LINDA! YOU'RE A BRIGHT GIRL! PERHAPS WHEN YOU GROW UP, YOU'LL PERMANENTLY JOIN THE PLANET STAFF!
OH, I'D ADORE THAT!

RETURNING TO MIDVALE, LINDA ATTENDS A PRIVATE SCREENING OF "THE SUPERGIRL FROM KRYPTON" AT THE ORPHANAGE...


AND AS THE MOVIE ENDS...
TOO BAD A SUPERGIRL DOESN'T REALLY EXIST ON OUR WORLD!
BOY, IF ONLY SHE WERE RIGHT HERE IN THIS ORPHANAGE, SECRETLY PRETENDING TO BE ONE OF US?
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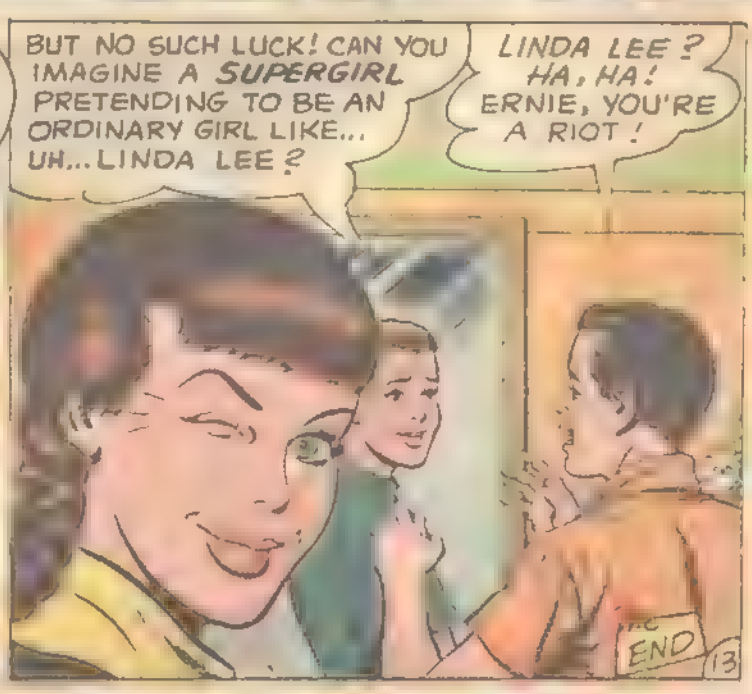
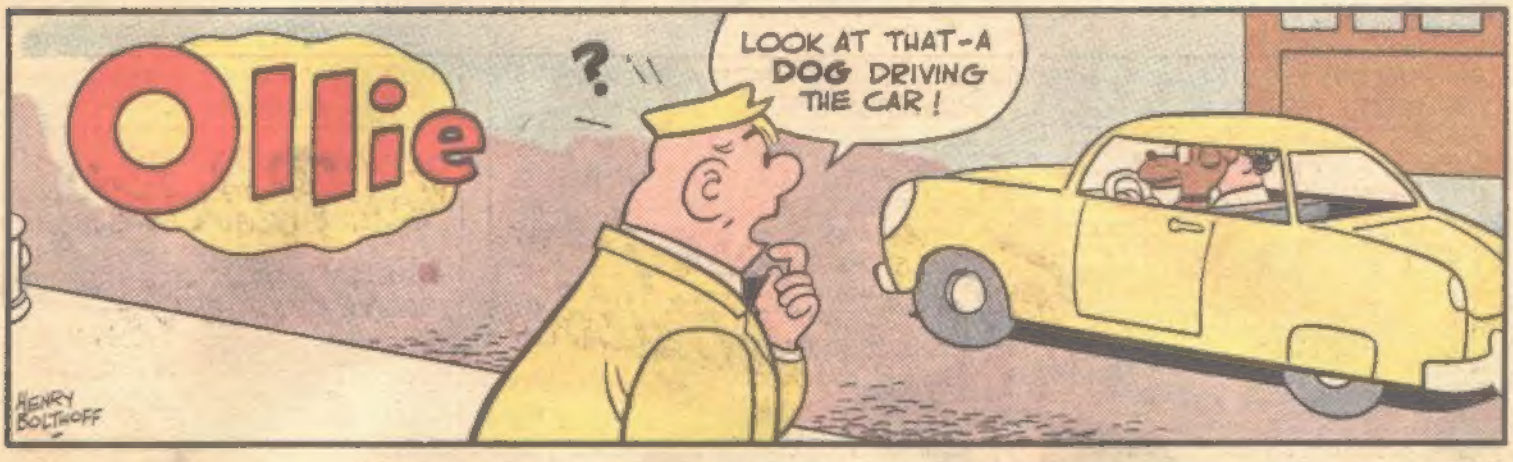
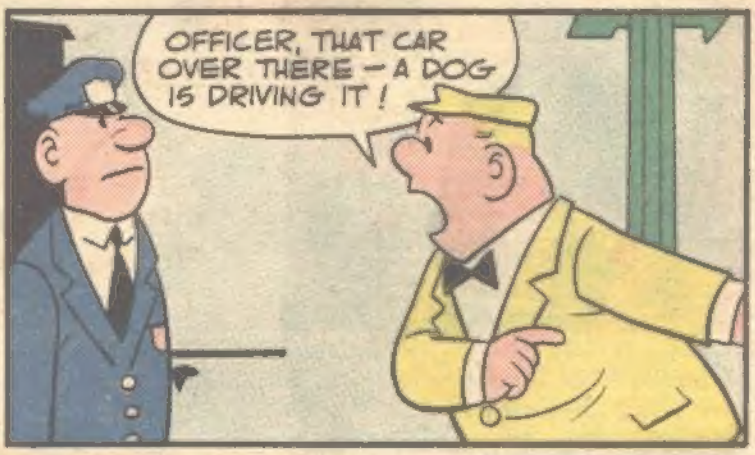

BUT NO SUCH LUCK! CAN YOU IMAGINE A SUPERGIRL PRETENDING TO BE AN ORDINARY GIRL LIKE... UH... LINDA LEE?
LINDA LEE? HA, HA! ERNIE, YOU'RE A RIOT!
THE END





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OCTOBER
SUPERMAN COMICS
ON SALE AUGUST 4th
Featuring
"The SON of BIZARRO!"
A GREAT 3-PART NOVEL!
* BIZARRO — A CRUDE IMITATION OF SUPERMAN... WEIRDER THAN FRANKENSTEIN!

OCT.
LOIS LANE COMICS ON SALE AUG. 9th
Featuring
"LOIS LANE'S SUPER-DAUGHTER!"
The amazing story of what happens when SUPERMAN marries Lois Lane and they adopt Linda (SUPERGIRL) Lee from the Midvale Orphanage to be their foster-daughter!

SEPT.
Adventure COMICS
NOW ON SALE!
Featuring
SUPERBOY, STRANDED ON A LONELY ASTEROID, AS "The ROBINSON CRUSOE of SPACE!"
Also: "AQUAMAN, AQUA-THIEF of the SEVEN SEAS!" and "The INTERPLANETARY CONGORILLA!"

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DO YOU WANT SPENDING MONEY?

Sell these popular Patriotic and Religious Mottoes

SEND US NO MONEY IN ADVANCE

Just write and ask us to send you 40 of these beautiful glittering mottoes which the public likes so well. Sell them easily and quickly to your friends and neighbors for only 35c each. At the end of 14 days send back, if you wish, all mottoes you have not sold, and send us only 25c for each you have sold. You keep all the rest of the money.

IF YOU SELL 25, YOU KEEP $2.50

IF YOU SELL 30, YOU KEEP $3.00

IF YOU SELL ALL 40 YOU KEEP $4.00

REMEMBER: No money is needed in advance. You take no risks. You can return all the mottoes you do not sell. You do not pay shipping costs or split your commission. You keep all the profit on each sale.

WRITE FOR COMPLETE DETAILS TO

STEPHENS CREDIT SALES
Dept. **NR** P. O. Box 1004
Nashville, Tennessee

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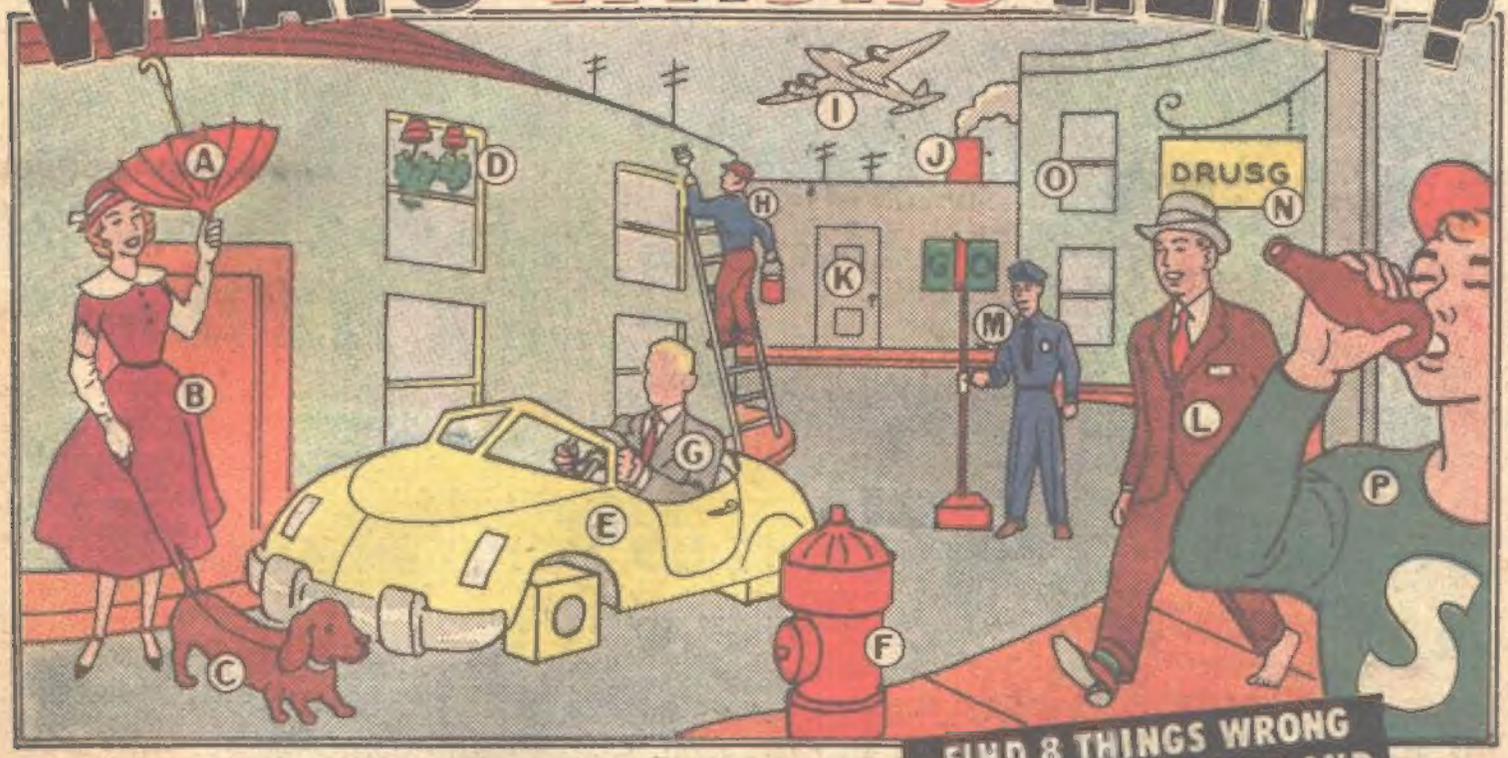

Several objects above are wrong. Can you find them? (Look carefully, although each object is identified by a letter, not all are incorrect.) Here's a hint: the man lettered "L" has only one shoe. Now identify the other mistakes by putting an "X" through each letter in the coupon that refers to an incorrect object. When you have crossed out 8 letters, mail coupon for your GIFT!

YOU CAN MAKE $50—$100—$500 AND MORE IN YOUR SPARE TIME!

We are running this test to find alert, ambitious people who want to make money easily and quickly, without experience. Simply take orders from friends, relatives and neighbors for beautiful new Artistic Christmas and All-Occasion Greeting Cards. The original designs, rich colors and wide selection are truly remarkable... and they are amazingly low in cost. 50 Name Imprinted Christmas Cards for only $1.50; deluxe 21 card assortments as low as $1.00; and many other tremendous values that sell themselves. You can make all the EXTRA MONEY you need just by taking orders for our exclusive Greeting Cards, Personal Stationery and unusual Gift Items.

GET YOUR DELUXE GIFT NOW!

We'll send you the beautiful Slim Note Pad and Ball Pen (guaranteed retail value $1.50) for only 10¢ to help cover the cost of postage and handling, if you answer this Puzzle Test. With your GIFT we'll send FREE Imprint Samples, complete instructions on how to make money in your spare time, and Christmas and All-Occasion Greeting Cards ON APPROVAL, to be paid for or returned if not satisfied.

HURRY! SEND YOUR PUZZLE SOLUTION TODAY!

Don't wait if you are going to try for your Slim Note Pad. While you have the puzzle before you, solve it and rush coupon to us. We reserve the right to reject entries dated 60 days after the date of this publication. Only one entry to a family. Write to: Puzzle Editor, ARTISTIC CARD CO., INC., 420 Way St., Elmira, N. Y. (In Canada, write 103 Simcoe St., Toronto 1, Ont.)

MAIL COUPON AND 10¢ TODAY

Puzzle Editor, ARTISTIC CARD CO., INC.
420 Way Street, Elmira, New York

HERE'S MY SOLUTION (CROSS OUT 8 LETTERS)

Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ Ⓔ Ⓕ Ⓖ Ⓗ Ⓘ Ⓙ Ⓚ Ⓛ Ⓜ Ⓝ Ⓞ Ⓟ

Rush my Gift—also FREE Imprint Samples, Spare Time Money-Making Plans, and Christmas and All-Occasion Greeting Cards ON APPROVAL, to be paid for or returned if not satisfied. I am enclosing 10¢ to help cover cost of postage and handling.

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ Zone____ State_____

Check here for FUND-RAISING Plan for Organizations ☐

FIND 8 THINGS WRONG IN THE SCENE ABOVE AND

GET THIS DELUXE $1.50 SLIM NOTE PAD

WITH BLACK AND SIMULATED GOLD

IN AN ATTRACTIVE GIFT BOX

A beautiful, practical gift! Leatherette cover embossed in red and gold. Plentiful supply of fine white note paper included. Built-in loop holds the smooth-writing ball point pen handy. Guaranteed $1.50 retail value, yours when you answer our Puzzle. With your gift, we will include FREE Imprint Samples, Spare Time Money-Making Plans, and Christmas and All-Occasion Greeting Cards ON APPROVAL, to be paid for or returned if not satisfied.

PLEASE INCLUDE 10¢
TO HELP COVER COST OF POSTAGE AND HANDLING

Guaranteed by Good Housekeeping

BOYS! GIRLS! LADIES! MEN!

WIN A BEAUTIFUL SIGNET RING

ENGRAVED WITH YOUR OWN INITIAL

Ring is a real beauty! Made of sturdy, nickel silver, polished and rhodium plated for bright, long wear. Size is quickly adjustable to fit any finger!

DON'T WAIT! MAIL COUPON NOW!

BE FIRST WIN YOUR VERY OWN SIGNET RING

IT'S FUN! IT'S EASY!

★ *All you do is . . .* ★

NAME THESE FAMOUS U. S. PRESIDENTS

Just Get All 4 Right . . . We'll Send Your

GENUINE NICKEL SILVER SIGNET RING ABSOLUTELY FREE!

(A really terrific ring — made up with your own initial)

Also we'll mail *BIG CATALOG* showing Bikes, Dolls, Guns, Watches, etc. — *You can get at no cost!* You'll be tickled pink and proud as a peacock to wear this strikingly beautiful ring. Wait till you see it! And it's so easy to win. Simply check on coupon the correct names of the 4 famous American Presidents shown in the pictures above and mail to us. If you name all 4 Presidents correctly, we will send you ABSOLUTELY FREE your OWN PERSONAL SIGNET RING — made up with your own initial (you may have your choice of first letter of either first or last name.) Also, we will send you big FREE CATALOG of wonderful PREMIUMS — Bikes, Wrist Watches, Guns, Dolls and dozens of others — and tell you how to get them *at no cost!* Simply offer White CLOVERINE BRAND SALVE, easily sold to friends, relatives and neighbors, at 50c a package, and choose your PREMIUM or CASH COMMISSION. But right now, name correctly the Presidents shown above and get your BEAUTIFUL SIGNET RING—ABSOLUTELY FREE! Rush coupon today!

HURRY! HURRY! CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON THE COUPON . . .

Then mail coupon to win your BEAUTIFUL SIGNET RING

Win genuine nickel silver SIGNET RING — ABSOLUTELY FREE! Just name correctly the 4 famous American Presidents pictured above. Check names on coupon—fill in rest of coupon and mail to us. IT'S EASY TO WIN—ACT NOW!

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☐ Abraham Lincoln ☐ Ulysses Grant ☐ James Madison

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NAME _____ AGE _____

STREET _____ RD _____ BOX _____

TOWN _____ ZONE _____ STATE _____

I want my Ring with this initial _____

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